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Students trash Bundy East

Single dorm accrues majority of first semester damage

By Cristen Sargent '01 & Tom Ayres '98
News Editors

Bundy East dormitory accrued almost $7,000 in building damage for the fall semester — creating an unprecedented and exorbitant resident damage fee for the 73 students who live there.

"We are all very frustrated and concerned about these careless acts of vandalism that continue to occur," said Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, Director of Residential Life, in a letter dated March 3 that was sent to all Bundy East residents.

Bundy East, whose singles and doubles house sophomores, juniors and seniors, had a higher building damage cost than all other dorms combined. Res Life has reported that the overall dormitory damage cost for the fall semester was $10,652.59. Bundy East's damage costs were $6,752.57, which averages out to a cost of $92.50 to be billed to each Bundy East resident.

During the first semester Physical Plant replaced thirteen fire extinguishers that were either stolen or set off. A standard post-weekend cleaning included removing broken beer bottles, replacing smashed windows and removing shards of glass, and cleaning up shaving cream, spilled beer, vomit and garbage in the hallways and common areas. On December 4 the pool table in the north side of the basement was found upside down and cracked in half.

Campus Safety responded to 12 incidents of vandalism in common areas, numerous noise complaints, and illegal parties and alcohol violations according to Pat Ingalls, Director of Campus Safety. Ingalls said that 12 reports is a low estimate, as Resident Advisors and Physical Plant also made numerous reports to Res

PHOTO COURTESY CAMPUS SAFETY

A toilet paper and beer-strewn hallway after a typical weekend in Bundy East

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Trustee Weekend '98

By Ilko Menkov '00
News Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees is back on the Hill this weekend for one of their four annual meetings. The Board has already started their meetings with committees that supervise the current College affairs this week, and will continue their meetings with students, faculty and administration throughout the whole weekend.

The Board of Trustees will review estimates of the renovation of Commons Dining Hall and the suggested renovation schedule, which is supposed to begin in April and finish in August, before the beginning of the 1998-99 academic year.

The trustees will also discuss the future of the Chi Psi Lodge. Dan O'Leary, Vice President of Administration and Finance, indicated that the Chi Psi building will be used for residence, academic or administrative purposes. It will not be used for social space.

The Board will discuss and establish a preliminary budget for 1998-99 and review changes in the costs of tuition, room, and board. They will hear a progress report on the science departments and what buildings and facilities are necessary to further support and develop the programs.

Furthermore, the Instructional Committee of the Board will meet in order to grant the tenure recommendations for seven faculty members: Paul Hagstrom, Professor of Economics; Philip Klinkner, Professor of Government; Cheryl Morgan, Professor of French; Patrick Reynolds, Professor of Biology; Richard Seager, Professor of Religious Studies; Susan Sanchez-Casal, Professor of Spanish; and Michael Woods, Professor of Music.

This meeting of the trustees is extremely important for members of the faculty, according to Bobby Fong, Dean of the Faculty, because assistant professors have the opportunity to receive tenure for their work. After six years, assistant professors can receive tenure and become permanent members of the faculty. If they do not receive tenure, they cannot continue their teaching at Hamilton for more than one year.

The trustees have also received copies of the Curricular Change at Hamilton College: A Revised Proposal. The proposal recapitulates the efforts of the faculty to revise

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Dartmouth professor lectures on the brain

By Joy Dreibelbis '99
Managing Editor

Perfect attendance for an introductory biology class could not have produced as full a science auditorium as did Michael S. Gazzaniga, attracting students and professors alike for his intriguing talk on *The Mind's Past*. The director of the cognitive neuroscience program at Dartmouth College and the David T. McLaughlin Distinguished Professor, Gazzaniga is one of the foremost leaders in his field and is famous for his work with split-brain patients. This talk was brought to the Hill as part of the Ralph E. and Doris M. Hansmann Lecture Series.

The lecture began by addressing the difficulties in defining consciousness. Gazzaniga said that until recently, "nothing worth reading has been written about it." It was not until the work of Niels Jerne that neuroscientists began to consider consciousness from a biological and evolutionary perspective. Jerne was inspiration for Gazzaniga's research which is aimed at discovering the specializations of each brain hemisphere.

Studying split-brain patients is the primary method for determining which hemisphere controls which cognitive functions. A split-brain is the consequence of cutting the corpus callosum, a large bundle of fibers that is responsible for the communication between the hemispheres. This procedure is sometimes performed on patients with uncontrollable epilepsy to prevent the spread of generalized seizures. After this operation, Gazzaniga explained, "the left and right brains can no longer send messages to each other. Functionally, these patients have two brains."

Gazzaniga's research has indicated that the right and left hemispheres do, indeed, have different functions. The left brain is responsible for "problem solving, verbal IQ, and grammar functions," he ex-

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S P E C T A C L E S — Doin' It Dawggie Style

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

The infamous Dawg Pound cheers the Continentals on to victory over Geneseo, 102-68, on the basketball court last night.

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Trustees return to the Hill

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the curriculum during the last two years. The Board will meet with the Committee on Academic Policy and will hear a report on the ongoing curriculum review.

On Thursday, the Trustee Sub-Committee on Social Space met with students to hear and discuss social space needs and opportunities. Furthermore, the Student Affairs Committee will hear reports from the President of the Student Assembly and the Sub-Committee on Social Space. The Student Affairs Committee will also examine residential options for upper-class students.

"The Admission Committee will be discussing the status of applications, both regular and early decision," said Richard Fuller, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid.

The Committee will examine and discuss how competitor institutions compare to Hamilton in terms of the application process. Furthermore, they will outline their plans to use the available financial aid resources, and discuss yield strategies for accepted students.

The Board of Trustees will also meet with representatives of the Office of Communications and Development to hear an update on the New Century Campaign.

Vandals rack up thousands in damage

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Life and not Campus Safety.

"Our biggest frustration is that this kind of thing is happening all the time, yet no one sees anything," said Nancy Perkins, Residential Life Staff Assistant. "It's the student culture here at Hamilton - they'd rather pay the $92 than turn in a friend. And I hate billing innocent people."

Perkins, Ingalls, Tim Kress, Area Coordinator, and Nat Warner '00, RA in Bundy East, unanimously expressed their utter disapproval of and disappointment in the vandals.

"I find it pretty amazing that Hamilton students regard themselves as adults, but have this disrespect for each other and their environment," said Perkins.

"This is ongoing and really horrible," said Ingalls. "I really feel sorry for the weekend cleanup crew and Monday Physical Plant workers. They don't look forward to coming to work here."

"We don't have any names," said Kress. "If we did it would be a different story."

"They ask for more responsibility from Res Life, but show they can't handle responsibility by trashing the place," said Warner.

In her letter, Kantrowitz also expressed her disapproval of the residents who are not vadalizing, saying, "I think what is more frustrating, however, is the apparent lack of concern and action of those not responsible for this damage. The price for this silence, however, is high, both financially and personally."

However, Warner stated that he had "talked to some people who were upset and willing to do something."

Kress stressed the fact that turning in suspected vandals anonymously would most likely not be effective.

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

"If someone turned in an individual anonymously it would be tough to follow it through," said Kress. "It may become necessary for someone to be a witness in order to follow the proper judicial procedures."

"And that's where the problem arises," Warner followed. "No one is willing to go in front of J-board and turn in other students."

According to the Housing Agreement, which must be signed before moving onto campus, each student agrees to pay for damage that occurs in his or her dorm when the responsible party is unknown.

"What it comes down to is that students are stating that they will take responsibility for any charges that occur in the common areas of the residence hall," said Kress. "If the responsible party is unknown everyone has agreed to pay for it."

At this time, Res Life and Campus Safety have no leads as to the identity of the vandals, but are sure that both Bundy East residents and students who live elsewhere on campus are responsible.

"Most of the damage occurs at four or five in the morning," said Warner. "It's really hard to catch the guys. Alcohol is usually involved."

If students were caught judiciary action would depend on the seriousness and amount of vandalism commited by each individual.

"There would be judicial action above and beyond paying, but it depends on the circumstances of the situation," said Kress.

In addition to the $92.50 students are currently being billed for, Physical Plant is currently evaluating the need for carpet replacement due to damages, according to Ingalls.

"If this is necessary, replacement cost to students may be as high as $16,000," she said.

Already this semester another $2,200 worth of damage has occured, including replacing five broken windows. However, Perkins warns that this estimate may be low.

"A decision has been made that if this vandalism continues, for the security of the residents we'll have a round-the-clock security guard," said Kress.

The guards' salary would be billed to the residents. Res Life is also considering reassigning students to other dormitories.

"We will continue to investigate in an effort to determine who is responsible for the damages," said Ingalls.

Phi Beta Kappa Treasurer announces new inductees

In recognition of their high academic achievement in fufilling the goals and purposes of the College, the Hamilton College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has elected the following members of the Class of 1998 to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. A final election will be held before Commencement.

Arda Yusuf Arku
Mary Bernardine Dias
Andrea Ann Galen
Matthew David George
Kerri Kay Goldberg
James William Halter
Christopher Andrew Leonardi
Jennifer Linck
Jason Michael Osborn
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"Spotlight on Women": Dean Thompson

A Women's History Month Special to the *Spectator* highlighting the accomplishments of women who have made a significant contribution to life on the Hill. This article is the first in its series.

BY KATHY WEBBER '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Nancy Thompson, Associate Dean of Students, has been an indispensable member of the Administration. Most students come into contact with Thompson during their time here, knowing her as the person who is in charge of the Study Abroad program. As Associate Dean, she also has administration responsibilities within the Dean's office and works with international students.

Thompson, who is from Rochester, NY, was a psychology major at SUNY Geneseo and received her masters in education from Springfield College. Thompson worked for Residential Life and Student Activities at St. Bonaventure University before moving to Tucson, Arizona after getting married. She worked at the University of Arizona in Residential Life before coming to the Hill in July of 1986.

When she first came Thompson described how she was overwhelmed with responsibilities. Upon arriving and assuming the position of Associate Dean, she found herself in charge training residential advisors and orientation leaders, working with international students, and supervising Adirondack Adventure.

PHOTO BY ERIN CIVELLO '99

Dean Nancy Thompson.

"The dean who left before me had left zillions of post-it notes telling me all things I had to do!" said Thompson.

After many of those responsibilities were redistributed, Thompson worked closely with the Judicial Board and was involved in disciplinary measures. Now, Thompson is glad to focus her energy on administrative work in the Dean's office, international students, and study abroad advising.

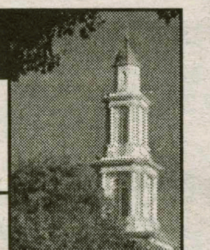
"It is a refreshing change from disciplinary work," said Thompson who loves working with students who plan to study abroad. "Sixty percent of my time is dedicated to study abroad advising," said Thompson. Not only does she enjoy helping students make choices about where to study, but she really loves talking to students when they return about their experiences and hearing all their stories.

"She was so helpful in guiding me in my decision where to study abroad," said one sophomore who plans to study abroad, "You can tell she really enjoys helping students."

One of the most challenging times for Thompson was acting as Dean of Students in place of Jan Coates during the fall semester of 1996. "It was a really good experience, but I was relieved when Jan came back," said Thompson.

Thompson also works closely with Tom Royal, Director of Multicultural Programs, and both are involved with the orientation of international students. She has also served on the Sexual Harassment Grievance Board.

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND
Compiled By Joy Dreibelbis '99

Gambling Hits MSU this Fall

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — MSU took a gamble Tuesday after Academic Council approved courses that teach how to manage a casino, some faculty members said. "Does MSU want to be associated with an activity that will teach impressionable young people how to gamble?" asked Shawnee Vickery, a market and supply chain management professor, during the meeting.

Vickery, who asked for dismissal of the motion, said offering the classes would only cause advocacy and could begin a dangerous path for college students. She also said the long-term effects of gaming may lead to many negative consequences, including habits such as alcoholism and the severity of a huge economic impact.

But John Tarras, associate professor of hospitality business, said students have the right to choose whether they want to gamble, and the courses will provide the knowledge needed to make that decision.

"It's up to the students to be deterrent or not (about gaming), but a better informed student will make better choices with their money," he said.

The courses, which will be offered in the School of Hospitality Business, will deal with the social issues, practices, problems and finance of gaming, the legalized form of gambling. With Academic Council approval, one course, Introduction to Casino Industry, will be offered this fall. The other two — Casino Operating and Management and Casino Controls and Finance — will be available at a later date.

Warren Biller, executive director of the Michigan Council on Problem Gambling, said the courses could be beneficial because teaching the reality of gaming can expose the facts of winning.

But Robert Anderson, a professor in the Department of Religious Studies, said he was not happy with the direction the university has taken.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "It seems the university ought to be almost a paragon of what culture can attain, and gambling is not a part of that."

UCSD Internet Attack Strikes Campus

(U-WIRE) LA JOLLA, Calif. — Thousands of computers nationwide crashed after an Internet-based attack on Monday. The attack affected computers running the Microsoft Windows 95 operating system and Windows NT - a popular operating system among larger computer networks.

Problems were reported at all University of California campuses and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Other affected sites included the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University and several federal government sites - including some unclassified Navy computers.

The San Diego Union-Tribune reported experts saying that only a deliberate act could have caused the far-flung glitches. It is not known whether the attack was intended to be a prank or a serious effort to compromise sensitive data.

The attack was considered harmless by experts because users affected could restart their computers without a loss of data.

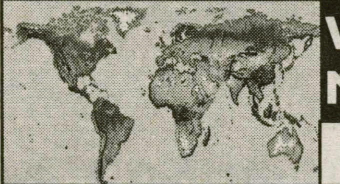
James Madden, manager of Network Operations at UCSD's Academic Computing Services (ACS), said about 300 people on campus directly reported their computers crashing. Overall, Madden estimated that the attack struck about 1,000 computers on campus between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Monday.

"The cause of the problem is a badly formatted piece of data, a TCP/IP packet, that is sent to the machine," Madden said. "Because it is misconstructed, the machine's operating system, Windows for example, goes into a loop. Finally, the machine runs out of memory and crashes with the so-called blue screen."

Late Monday, ACS operators installed a filter that would detect and remove corrupted TCP/IP packets from incoming Internet data. Microsoft released a patch in January that fixed the problem, but did not actively promote the installation of the upgrade until Monday's incident. Madden said that since Monday, more than half the campus that would be susceptible to a similar attack had installed the upgrade. Despite the best precautions, the chance still remains that another attack could happen.

"One of the challenges of trying to manage an academic network, like the one at UCSD, is that we want people to have access to stuff that they are interested in," Madden said. "But along with providing that access comes the possibility that someone will run across something that will break their machine."

WORLD NEWS



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Serb Police Kill 20 Albanians

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Cracking down on militant separatists in southern Yugoslavia's Kosovo province, police killed 20 ethnic Albanians on Thursday. Police armed with assault rifles set up roadblocks and turned back reporters, making it impossible to verify what was happening. Months of rising tensions and clashes erupted into violence last weekend in the region, which is part of Serbia, Yugoslavia's largest republic.

Ethnic Albanian officials claim there have been "massacres" by Serb police. Serb authorities deny this, saying the sweep of several villages was a justified hunt for terrorists. Since last week, the crackdown has claimed 51 lives — 45 Albanians and six Serb police.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook delivered a harsh message Thursday to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on behalf of the European Union, demanding that he halt the violence. He reiterated the EU's demand that Milosevic restore the province's autonomy, which he abolished in 1989. Milosevic refused to budge from his position that Kosovo is Yugoslavia's domestic business.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James Foley denounced "the excessive use of force" by Serbian police and announced the United States was reversing its decision to permit Yugoslavia to open a consulate, to allow its national airline to land in the United States and to expand the Yugoslavian diplomatic mission to the United Nations.

The unrest — the worst since 1989 — flared last weekend. At least 25 ethnic Albanians were killed then in a Serb attack in the Drenica region, human rights groups said. On Thursday, hours after the clandestine Kosovo Liberation Army called for volunteers to help avenge Serb attacks, unidentified gunmen sprayed a Serb-controlled police station with bullets, injuring two officers.

Within hours, police moved in on Drenica and said they were conducting a house-to-house search for weapons. The Yugoslav Interior Ministry confirmed a crackdown, saying it had undertaken a "retaliatory action" following attacks by "Albanian terrorists."

Serbian President Milan Milutinovic praised police forces for "professionalism, determination and courage" and said Serbia must deal with terrorists "wisely and with all available means of a state of law."

Local officials portrayed the action as vicious attacks on civilians, and said it began early Thursday when Serbian forces besieged and opened fire on the villages of Donji Prekaz and Lausa.

Sri Lanka Bombs Kill 32, Injure 300

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A bus packed with at least two shrapnel-laden bombs exploded Thursday outside a crowded train station in the Sri Lankan capital, killing at least 32 people and injuring more than 300.

The defense ministry said senior government officials were the target, but the bombs went off prematurely. The government blamed rebels seeking an independent homeland for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

The bus blew apart at one of the city's busiest intersections, shredding vehicles and ripping facades from buildings. The dead included at least three children from schools in the area and two police officers.

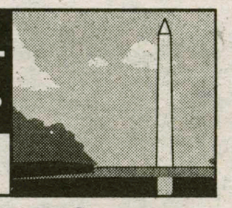
School books, a plastic lunch box and children's shoes were scattered around the site, littered among the twisted hulks of cars and trucks. The bus driver — believed to be a suicide bomber — was among the dead.

"This was not a conventional bomb," Defense Ministry spokesman Sarath Munasinghe said, saying the bombs had been carefully positioned on both sides of the bus "so that when they explode, it would kill people around." If the bus had gone much farther, it would have reached the route normally taken by government ministers to attend Parliament, Munasinghe said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but police Superintendent Palitha Perera said "it definitely looks like the work of the Tigers," referring to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Tamils, who make up 18 percent of the population of 18 million, claim they are discriminated against by the majority Sinhalese.

Secretary-General Annan expressed outrage at the attack on civilians. "Terrorism cannot be condoned in any circumstances," said Annan's spokesman, Fred Eckhard.

NATIONAL NEWS



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Government to warn Hepatitis C victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Americans who had blood transfusions will receive letters warning they may have been infected with hepatitis C, a serious liver infection that often shows no symptoms for years. "We know that many Americans infected with hepatitis C are unaware they have the disease," newly installed Surgeon General David Satcher told a House subcommittee Thursday.

The Department of Health and Human Services is preparing a campaign to encourage people to get tested for the virus, which was not identified until 1988. It can take 20 years for symptoms to surface.

There is no cure, but various treatments are in use and doctors are searching for improved therapies. About 1 million of an estimated 4 million infected Americans don't realize they have the sometimes fatal virus.

"These people need to be told. They need to be tested. Many will need treatment, and many will need to learn how to prevent further spread of the disease," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., chairman of the House Government and Oversight's human resources subcommittee. He compared the government's inertia on hepatitis C to its early reaction to AIDS.

New research suggests hepatitis C patients are particularly vulnerable to liver failure, and the virus is the leading reason for liver transplants in the United States. Intravenous drug users make up the vast majority of hepatitis C victims, but about 300,000 people may have contracted it from a blood transfusion before the first screening tests were created in 1990. It wasn't until mid-1992 that highly reliable tests were found.

Satcher said the department plans to write to people who received blood before 1992 from donors who later tested positive for the virus. These blood recipients have a 40 to 70 percent chance of having the virus.

Senate Releases Fund-Raising Report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate panel investigating campaign finance abuses released its long-awaited report Thursday, concluding Democrats "reduced the White House, the administration and the presidency itself to fund-raising tools."

The report by the Republican-controlled Senate Government Affairs Committee alleges that the Democratic Party, in a frenzy to boost funds for President Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign, sold access to the White House that ultimately may have compromised national policy.

The committee, which has spent $3.5 million investigating possible fund-raising violations, approved the report by an 8-7 vote along party lines. Democrats released their own report calling for reform of laws regulating campaign donations.

"Among the favors merchandised were access to senior decision makers," according to a summary of the majority report. Other perks included presidential appointments to commissions and administration jobs, as in the case of fund-raiser John Huang, a Democratic fund-raiser who became a deputy assistant secretary of the Commerce Department.

The report also said political donations were exchanged for access to the White House, including overnights in the Lincoln Bedroom and coffees with the president.

Democrats on the committee responded by filing a report of their own. "We've done this because it was left to us to bring some balance," said Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio. The Democratic report doesn't deny wrongdoing by its party members, he said. "But we also don't shy back from criticizing Republicans and the problems ... are on both sides," he said.

Glenn said his biggest disappointment with the committee was its refusal to come up with a bipartisan plan to investigate fund-raising abuses in both parties and to provide suggestions to close loopholes in campaign finance laws. Other Democrats denounced the timing of the report, calling it an attempt to hide last week's GOP rejection of a bill to revamp campaign finance laws.

James E. Kennedy, a spokesman for the White House counsel's office, said, "Sen. Thompson and the committee Republicans squandered an historic opportunity to move the Congress and the country closer to the goal of reforming the way in which campaigns are run," Kennedy said. "And they squandered millions of taxpayer dollars in partisan pursuit of political points."

The report recommends the Justice Department review its contents to determine whether perjury charges are warranted for several Democratic witnesses accused of lying to committee investigators under oath.

"We're not a grand jury and our primary purpose is not one of making accusations of criminal activity," said committee chairman Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn.

SECURITY blotter

COMPILED BY SCOTT VON DUHN '01

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:20 A.M. MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN DUNHAM
4:10 P.M. SMOKE DETECTOR SETS OFF FIRE ALARM IN BEINECKE VILLAGE
5:44 P.M. PARKING VIOLATION BEHIND BRISTOL
6:26 P.M. MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN THE FIELDHOUSE
10:32 P.M. MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN NORTH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:41 A.M. SMOKE DETECTOR SETS OFF FIRE ALARM IN GRIFFIN ROAD APARTMENTS
5:13 P.M. SMOKE DETECTOR SETS OFF FIRE ALARM IN MACINTOSH
7:21 P.M. MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN BRISTOL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

2:29 A.M. ALCOHOL VIOLATION, BUNDY WEST
2:47 A.M. VANDALISM TO SCHOOL PROPERTY IN DUNHAM
4:46 P.M. MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN MACINTOSH
9:15 P.M. VANDALISM IN SAGE RINK
9:40 P.M. MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN BRISTOL POOL
10:26 P.M. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN FIELD HOUSE PARKING LOT
11:00 P.M. NOISE COMPLAINT IN BABBITT
11:15 P.M. NOISE COMPLAINT IN BABBITT

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

1:35 A.M. INTRUSION ALARM TRIGGERED IN BEINECKE VILLAGE
3:10 A.M. SMOKE DETECTOR SETS OFF FIRE ALARM IN DUNHAM

MONDAY, MARCH 2

7:35 A.M. LARCENY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN DUNHAM
1:05 P.M. REQUEST FOR SERVICE IN KIRNER-JOHNSON
3:51 P.M. SMOKE DETECTOR SETS OFF FIRE ALARM IN BEINECKE VILLAGE
4:31 P.M. HARRASSMENT REPORTED AT 3940 CAMPUS ROAD
11:33 P.M. SMOKE DETECTOR SETS OFF FIRE ALARM IN DUNHAM

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

5:53 P.M. MALFUNCTION SETS OFF FIRE ALARM IN THE EVENTS BARN
5:59 P.M. MEDICAL EMERGENCY AT 3940 CAMPUS ROAD
8:03 P.M. SMOKE DETECTOR SETS OFF FIRE ALARM IN MACINTOSH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

5:38 A.M. SMOKE DETECTOR SETS OFF FIRE ALARM IN HOWARD DINER

Gazzaniga speaks to full house on consciousness, brain experiments

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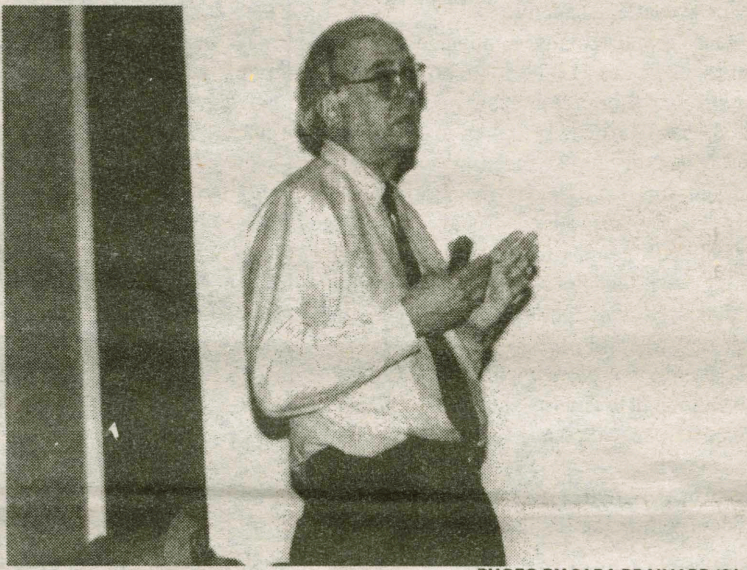
plained. The right brain performs more basic and automatic functions, such as recognizing spatial patterns.

The audience was amused by Gazzaniga's explanation of the laterality of the hemispheres, using his most famous experiment as an example. When he presented different images to each hemisphere's visual field in the split-brain patient, an interesting response pattern occurs. Gazzaniga showed a chicken claw to the patient's left hemisphere and a snow-covered car to the right brain. The patient then was asked to pick, from a number of objects in front of him, which one matched the picture that he saw. The left brain pointed to a chicken, but the right brain pointed to a shovel. Since the right brain does not have language functions, it could not communicate its choice to the left hemisphere, causing the patient to explain his choice of objects as "a shovel to clean out the chicken coop." The left brain explained away the right brain's choice because it was not aware of the real reason.



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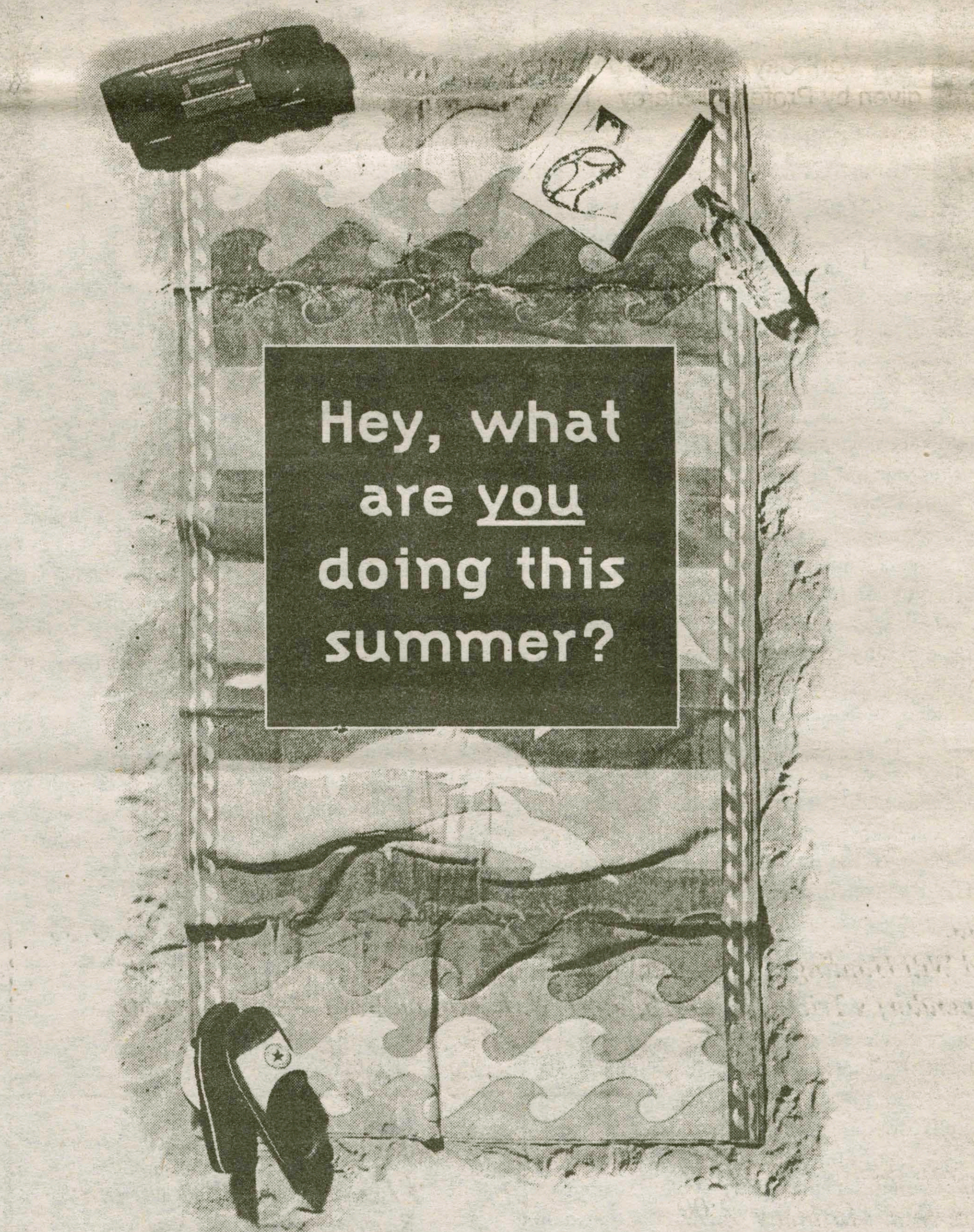
Gazzaniga welcomed questions after his lecture, and received a challenge from Professor McDonald of the Philosophy Department. She questioned how he, and others in the field of neuroscience could be so bold as to assume that they could quantify subjective psychological experience through various tests and experiments. Gazzaniga took the question in stride, and agreed that neuroscience will never be able to isolate one mechanism which defines consciousness, for no such area exists, but that research is aimed at attempting to define general areas involved in cognition. These experiments, and others are being conducted continually in the quest for a neural definition of consciousness and an understanding of the human mind.



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LECTURES

Friday: Abigail Child, avant-garde filmmaker, will present two films: *Mutiny* (1983) and *B/Side* (1977), as well as other work at 2 pm in KJ 144. This presentation is part of Comparative Literature course 249.

Monday: Stanley Lombardo of the University of Kansas Department of Classics will give a lecture "On Translating Homer" at 4:15 pm in Dwight Lounge. Sponsored by the Department of Classics.

Tuesday: At 7 pm in the Chapel there will be a lecture on "Discussion of sexuality and religion, specifically the place of homosexual clergy in the church" give by Reverend Janie Spahr. Sponsored by the Chaplaincy.

Thursday: There will be a brown bag discussion in the ELS lounge on "Neither 'Ladies' nor 'Gents' but 'Colored': Gender Identity Among Black Workers in New York City, 1880-1915" given by Professor Marcy Sacks of the History Department. Sponsored by

FILM

This week's film is *Contact* and will play Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society.

ARTS

Exhibition: *Hamilton Collects: Photographs and Drawings from the Permanent Collection* is an exhibit consisting of drawings from Morris Graves, Henry Moore, and Oscar Kokoshka and photographs from Alfred Steiglitz, Gertrude Kasebier and Manuel Bravo. This exhibit will run until April 8 in the Emerson Gallery.

Friday: At 4 pm in Emerson Gallery there will be a reception for the *Hamilton Collects* exhibit. Sponsored by the Emerson Gallery.

Friday and Saturday: This year's Spring Dance Concert will be at 8 pm in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by the Departments of Music, Theatre and Dance.

Saturday: At 3 pm David Gould will give his Senior Recital on the tenor saxophone in Wellin Hall.

CHECK IT OUT

Friday: *Ghostbusters* will be shown at 11 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

Saturday: The Hamiltones and two guest groups will give an acapella concert at 8 pm in the Chapel.

Saturday: "Cabaret" is back and will be at 9 pm in the Basement of ELS. Sponsored by the Emerson Literary Society.

Monday: At 3 pm and 7:30 pm Billy Wilder's "Some Like it Hot" (USA '59) will be shown in the KJ Auditorium. This film is part of College Course 300.

Wednesday: "McCabe and Mrs. Miller" (USA '71), directed by Robert Altman, will be shown at 3 pm and 7:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium as part of College Course 300.

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Campus vomiting: The truth spews forth

By Stephen Mickle '00
Features Writer

Drinking seems to be a common activity here at Hamilton. Many have written and spoken about drinking in the context of alcohol poisoning, vandalism, false identification, driving while intoxicated, bulk alcohol violations, and the various other common consequences of the behavior. But let's get right down to it. What is that one offshoot which seems to affect *everyone* here at Hamilton, drinker or non-drinker? That's right my fellow peers, its time to let it all out and discuss what phenomenon has statistically increased this school year: campus-wide vomiting.

Consider the common weekend night, or perhaps even the common Wednesday or Thursday night. Ask yourself how often the stairwell or hallway in your dormitory or living space smells of vomit. Have you recently cradled a friend over a toilet or trash barrel? Have you recently vomited on yourself, and found yourself doing the Sunday walk of shame– to the laundry room? Have you vomited on others, or seen another vomit on another? Well, the truth is, the amount of vomiting which exists here at Hamilton is verbally understated.

I interviewed one Hamilton student who recently vomited on one of Kirkland's finest– that's right, a female police officer to be exact. Still another student found the green felt of a pool table a nice spot to partake. The topic may seem slightly vulgar for the *Spectator*-however, this phenomenon is something dealt with on a weekly basis, and something which causes much dissatisfaction when the janitor doesn't come until Monday morning.

Has the problem of campus vomiting gotten worse in the past few years? Well, there are no records of vomiting alone, but we can speculate using the Security Blotter's medical emergencies which fall in the the early morning hours of weekends and near-weekends. We can also speculate with our respective noses when we enter or exit a dormitory. It is a fact that there have been less private society parties this year on weekends on average. It is a fact there have been more bulk alcohol related charges in dormitories this year. And it is an unproven fact that downtown bar-life has increased *dramatically* since the loss of the fraternity houses nearly three years ago.

I am not a lawyer, not yet at least. However, piecing such evidence together, I have drawn some conclusions which I feel are reasonably valid. Whether the reader chooses to agree, I shall see only when some anti-frat student decides to oppose me in a letter-to-the-editor response. I'll try to stand tall. So, we have more dormitory drinking with substances purchased on a more individual basis than on an organizational basis. In lieu of what many may think, private societies are in fact concerned about the actions of their guests, as the Hamilton social code dictates that any organization must pay for the consequences of a disorderly guest, whether a vandal, or a vomiter. In plain words, private societies reserve the right to deny any student a beverage if they are visibly over their limit. Don't get me wrong, group-sponsored parties do have their share of vomiting tendencies. Being realistic, it is when individuals are forced to "pre-game" in their dormitories that the campus turns sloppy.

What's the answer to this problem? There probably isn't one, since alcohol-related vomiting will always exist. However, let us look at the United States government momentarily. What have they done to limit alcohol consumption across the country? Well, they have enacted laws which *regulate* the sale and purchase, and therefore consumption of alcohol. However, acquiring alcohol here at Hamilton seems to have been unaffected by such laws. We are left with two cases: provided alcohol and privately purchased and consumed alcohol.

In the context of my theme, campus vomiting, it seems more often than not that only one of those cases actually involves some level of intake regulation. I have chosen the vomit topic because I feel it is a small aspect of drinking which at the outset seems humorous and inconsequential, but one which snowballs fast, touching the lives of nearly everyone here on campus. So, in the future, as the reader watches the Hamilton administration consecutively curb the role of fraternities and sororities, just visualize, or perhaps smell, the consequences of such an effort.

Changes announced for spring housing lottery

By John Doench '00
and Dominic Yu '98
RHC Housing Lottery Coordinators

The Housing Lottery is a common source of stress for many people on this campus. Unfortunately, much of this stress is inherent in the idea of a housing lottery, but some of the stress can be alleviated by improving the living conditions and the lottery process here on the Hill. During both this semester and last, we, as the Housing Lottery Coordinators of the Residence Hall Council (RHC), have discussed and debated all facets of the Housing Lottery with RHC and many other members of the Hamilton community. We have listened to what we were told, and are in the process of organizing all this input into the most efficient and fair system we can put together.

There are some changes in the lottery this year, changes that we think will give life at Hamilton more of an atmosphere of community. The biggest change has occurred in the Bundys, as both East and West will be coed by room. This change was made for several reasons. First and foremost was the success of halls where there is coed living. The halls on the south side of campus are coed, and RAs and other students have reported a well-developed sense of community and trust, especially with interaction between upperclass students and first-years. Dunham has always been, among other things, a very social and open residence hall, as have South and Carnegie.

Also motivating this decision were some rather unfavorable reports about the Bundys as they are today. There has been a large problem in terms of keeping RAs in these two halls, and many students have reported a total lack of community. This isolation, along with unacceptable levels of damage -- Bundy East residents will each have to pay over $90 for first semester damages alone -- made us realize that a change needed to be made. Coed hallways seem to be a step in the right direction.

Blocking has also undergone intense review. RHC has interpreted the definition of Blocking as a system designed to make the usually-less-desired housing more attractive to rising sophomores. In recent years, however, the Housing Lottery has gotten away from this definition. Halls such as McIntosh, DU, South, and Carnegie have been the home of blocks in recent years, yet these halls are highly desirable to rising juniors and seniors. In a seniority-based system as we have, it seemed unfair to offer blocks to rising sophomores in these halls, thus taking away these options from people with a longer tenure here at Hamilton.

Blocking is a bit different in that 8 blocks have been eliminated. Clearly, 8 blocks in South and Carnegie are antithetical to the purpose of blocking, as well as being unnecessary; 2 people with good numbers can get 2 quads in these buildings and pull in 6 more people. The 8 blocks in the Bundys were also eliminated, for many of the same reasons that Bundy will be coed; students and RAs alike have reported an increased sense of indifference and exclusion in hallways of one particular group of friends. The damage-factor also played a role in the decision.

Bundy has also changed in one other way, a way that should help to ease the fears of those about to live in Bundy. The singles that remain after the Blocking lottery will function as two-pulls; a person picking a room has the option to (but by no means has to) pull a friend into another single in that given hallway.

The changes mentioned above are not the only differences in this year's Housing Lottery, but they are the main ones as of right now. Every decision involved trying to answer the question "how do we increase satisfaction and build a stronger community while maintaining fairness?" and the changes reflect this. The Housing Lottery Booklet will be in campus mail after Spring Break, and Housing Lottery updates via email will start soon. The Housing Lottery Coordinators certainly welcome any comments and suggestions that you may have. RHC meets every Thursday on the 3rd floor of Bristol and, as always, the meetings are open to all. Or, feel free to email Dominic Yu (dyu) or John Doench (jdoench), and you will receive a prompt reply.

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Occasional Ramblings

Communication Breakdown

By Riley Fenner '00
Features Editor

As an Editor, I receive items of mail from various organizations, usually asking me to promote or report on some event that is taking place in our area. However, I recently received a letter of an entirely different nature. The United States Department of State wished to warn me and my fellow students of the dangers involved with being arrested in other countries for drug possession. According to the "Travel Warning on Drugs Abroad" pamphlet, there are very few things that the State Department can do to save you from the laws of whatever land you're in. One thing that they can do is "give you a list of local attorneys (the U.S. Government cannot assume responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of these individuals)." One thing that they cannot do is "pay legal fees and/or fines with U.S. Government funds." The thought of sitting in a sweaty Swahili prison with rats crawling all over me, and having one of the smarter rats pleading my case before a jury of pachyderms doesn't appeal to me. Images like that make us forget that humans are all part of one race, even though we might not all be running on the same track.

It's easy to have misconceptions about groups that you're not a part of. We hear the effects of this every day at Hamilton when people talk about cliques or groups that they are looking at from the outside. The most obvious barrier to understanding people from other groups is the language difference. A person can be speaking English and still make no sense to another English-speaker. Take, for example, this conversation between a chef at a fine restaurant and a chef at a fast food service.

"So, like, how long does it take to heat up those little bread roll things you've got? I like those things, but you should melt some american cheese on top and make 'em bigger. I could eat about five of those rolls during a commercial break."

"Well, sir, I use a pimento oil base, then add pinches of sage and oregano every five minutes, and baste the crepes for fifteen minutes in a charcoal pan."

"But, where's the cheese on those babies? I'd like to see some cheddar melted around all that veggie mess. I mean, I need something I can dig into."

Imagine the conversation you would have with a law officer who speaks an entirely different language. "Yes, sir, our dogs seem to be very interested in your peanut butter jar."

"Yeah, yeah, I know you like peanut butter. You can buy it anytime around here, but this peanut butter is special to me-I can only get it when I'm in Istanbul. I would give you some, but I need to make my stash last."

"Okay, Criminal, would you please step into the armored car for a moment-and please, be discreet."

If you don't enjoy being discreet, and don't plan on stepping into anything that you can't steer anytime soon, the State Department suggests that you dig in and get to know Hamilton a little better. If you feel that nothing you do can bring you harm, or that something divine is watching over you, then apply to the Semester at Sea and spread terror and sacraments throughout the streams of our planet. If not, don't worry, there's someone out there who loves you.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Scott Mueller

By Shauna Wreschner '00
Features Writer

You probably do not know his name, but you may have seen Scott Mueller more than once a week, maybe even twice a day. If you go to the Howard Diner to eat, Scott Mueller probably served you food with a smile and a joke. Scott works a few evenings a week at the Diner and lives between the Hill and Madison, New York where he attended Madison high school.

Currently, Mueller is taking a year off between high school and college; he obtained the job at the Diner through his sister, who worked there before he did. Mueller decided to take the year off because he did not know what he wanted to do after high school. He is specifically trying to decide between studying agriculture or attending culinary school.

His love for cooking stemmed from his family, especially his grandfather. "I always loved cooking and started when I was ten. My grandfather got me into it," he says, "he was Italian and taught me all about sauces and noodles." When he was twelve, Mueller and cousin of his decided to plan for the future. Mueller lived on a farm and his cousin lived in the city. They both decided when they grew up they were going to buy a farm and grow food and vegetables on it. Then they would open a diner and cook and sell the food they grew.

Mueller and his cousin soon grew up and decided not to go through with their plan, but Mueller never forgot it. His interest in agriculture stemmed from his life on the farm, but he has not decided which part of agriculture he wants to study. "There are all different sides of agriculture -- mechanics, 'agra-business,' etc. To say that agriculture is just farming is like saying cooking is just American," says Mueller.

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Scott Mueller, the smiling *Face* behind the counter at the Howard Diner.

Mueller's other hobbies -- drawing, ceramics and photography -- are also influenced by the natural beauty of his surroundings at home. When he worked with clay in school classes, he made a lot of ceramic cows, and other farm animals. "My grandmother told me I needed to get off the farm," he says jokingly.

When he was a child, Mueller's parents took him on a plane ride over the Adirondack Mountains. He was awed by the sight of mountain tops below him and never forgot the scene. "I draw a lot of pictures looking down on the subject. I just think back to that day, and draw overviews and expand them." Mueller also went out to the fields on the farm and would sketch the tractors as they passed by him.

Mueller's interest in photography began on a school trip. "I took a picture of the polar bear tank at the zoo where I took my senior class trip in Toronto, and it came out beautifully.", says Mueller. While he says he probably will not take photography classes in the future, he would like to continue his hobby. At the moment Mueller takes pictures of the woods near his house. He owns a snowmobile and a "four-wheeler" and takes his camera with him along the four-wheeler trails.

Mueller will not be at the Diner for long, because he will be going to college in the fall. He has been college hunting for the past six month and is currently looking at a few schools. Mueller is most interested in SUNY-Cobleskill because they have a broad range of culinary and agriculture classes he could take.

Scott Mueller is not just a smiling face behind the counter at the Howard Diner. The next time you grab dinner after practice or a snack after the movie, smile and say hello to Scott. Soon he will be a college student much like you. After that he may be a world famous chef, and you can say you knew him back in his Diner-days.

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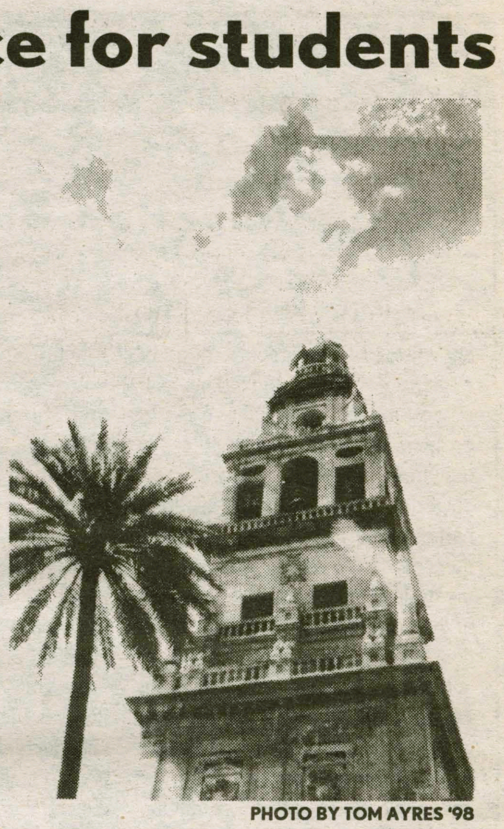
Study abroad an eye-opening experience for students

By Sarah Byrne '00
Editor-in-Chief



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Study abroad affords the chance to take in the sites of Spain.

At this point in the semester as students are bogged down with a multitude of mid-terms and papers, many are itching to get off the Hill for a much-needed break. Each year a number of juniors take an extended leave from the Hill as they head off to foreign lands for study abroad.

For those interested in study abroad, there are a number of resources available: you can write to different programs for information, research programs with help from Hamilton's Study Abroad Program, or perhaps use the best source for information available -- go straight to the source -- seek out other students that have gone abroad and ask them about their experiences.

Meredith Monaghan '98 participated in Hamilton's Junior Year in France program. She lived with a family with three children. Monaghan related that she had no other real interaction with natives. "The French students were really cliquey," she said.

Monaghan said that the experience was great because "I had never been anywhere." Monaghan also added that with family so far away, one is forced to mature quickly. Going abroad helped her to realize that there is a "whole big huge world outside Clinton, NY."

Liz Brooks '98 spent the summer and fall of '96 in China. She was a part of the first year of the Associated Colleges in China program. Since China is a Communist country, students are not allowed to live with families, but they were assigned a host family to "hang-out with." Brooks spent more time with a family that she met on her college's campus than with her assigned hosts. "They had this four year old girl. It was hard to understand her baby-talk Chinese."

Brooks said that by their standards she was extremely wealthy. A month before she left she approached the family and told them that she wanted to give them a bike, a radio, and some clothes that she didn't want to take back with her. The family was overwhelmed and in return invited her to their home for dinner every day.

Brooks also became friends with many Chinese students while abroad. However, she said that she "took classes with Americans" so it was hard to interact with natives.

Brooks said that she would recommend study abroad to other students. The experience "changed my world view," she said. "I'm an Asian Studies major but at school it's just books, movies -- it's not real. It's very different to see it in person rather than on the cover of National Geographic." Brooks hadn't travelled farther than Canada before her trip to China. She was "terrified" when she stepped off the plane. But she said that the experience "makes you really know that there's a world out there. It makes a lot of things you consider in your daily life seem petty." She was rather frustrated when she came back because her "big huge world shrunk again."

Sabra Barnett '98 spent last spring in Sweden with Hamilton's Swedish Program. She "didn't exactly" tailor her abroad program to her major. Rather, she chose to go to Sweden "in order to study the Social Democratic system."

Barnett related that as far as culture, "At first you would think they [Swedes] are similar but...Swedish people are very shy. Therefore, they would rather push you out of their way than say excuse me."

Barnett said that she did not have very much contact with Swedes "except for the family I ate dinner with once a week. However I lived in an international dorm and made friends with many people from other countries." Even though she did not have much interaction with Swedes Barnett felt like she had "a true abroad experience because I spent so much time with people not from this country."

Barnett also remarked that, "I would tell anyone who has the chance to go abroad to never pass up the opportunity. You can never again live as a student in a foreign land. You have to immerse yourself in another culture in order to survive." She also said that, "I am still trying to process everything I learned. Being in Europe as a junior was really the last time It was okay for me to be a kid. The most exciting part about it though was that the whole time I knew I was growing up."

Erin Civello '99 spent the fall semester in London. She was enrolled in Beaver College's London Semester with the City University of London. She said that "I picked this program because I wanted to try out a new one. I wanted to have my own experience; even though I was with a lot of Americans I didn't want it to feel like I was on vacation with a lot of Hamilton students."

Civello had a lot of interaction with Londoners in everyday life and in school "because I lived in the middle of the city. But I spent most of my time with Americans as we all shared a house together."

Civello would "most certainly recommend study abroad. I had a good time just experiencing other ways of life and figuring out how to adapt yourself to those ways is something that has got to be a good learning experience for you."

Nicole Chardavoyne '99 also spent some time in London, though not through a study abroad program. She did study abroad through Hamilton's semester in Washington program. Chardavoyne found that "if I wanted to get a full semester's worth of credit and go to DC, I had to go on Hamilton's program."

The summer before her study abroad in Washington, Chardavoyne lived in London; "My friend and I just packed up and left for London with neither a job nor a place to live, and we made a great success of our little adventure." She said that part of the reason that her summer was so exciting was "meeting so many people from all over." Her advice to those who a are going abroad is to "meet as many people as possible, because so many people have such interesting things to share with you and if you are only with Americans, you may miss that chance to discover something amazing about another person or culture."

Both Lindsay Conny '99 and Jen Giacomini '99 spent the fall semester in Sydney, Australia through Butler University's Institute for Study Abroad. Conny picked Australia because she wanted "an English speaking country where I most likely wouldn't be visiting." She said that "I found Aussies to be a lot more friendly than Americans. The cities are cleaner and safer and travel is much easier."

Conny would recommend studying abroad "for several reasons. First, Hamilton is a small school with very narrow views. In order to expand one's own individuality, thoughtfulness, and experiences, one MUST go beyond the bounds of Hamilton. It is a great growing experience to learn about yourself and the world around you."

Giacomini urges students to have courses "approved by the head of each department BEFORE you leave Hamilton" as she awaits approval for her credits from abroad.

She had assumed that "since English is the national language of Australia, there would not be many cultural differences. Wrong. Everything about Australia is different. The speech, the people, the food, everything."

Giacomini remarked that study abroad is a good experience and "opens your eyes to many things in American culture. It also helps in finding yourself, a very difficult task here at sheltered Hamilton."

Katie Knaul '98 studied in Melbourne, Australia for a full US academic year. She spent her first semester with SIT, or the School for International Training. SIT programs are "abundant," but Knaul had to have hers specially approved by the Committee on Academic Standing because the program was in English. "Hamilton seems to prefer programs in other languages," she said. "I argued then, and will argue now, that it is the experience one gets from being in a foreign place, experiencing that culture, and those people that makes the program of value. A foreign language is a bonus, but it is not the key."

Knaul also urged that "at some point everyone should spend at least a semester abroad." She said that, "everyone who spends time away is forced to change even unknowingly. When you go away you realize there are more important things, interesting and fun things, than what you wear or the image you generate for other people. Spending time in another country gives you a better awareness of who you are and what you are made of."

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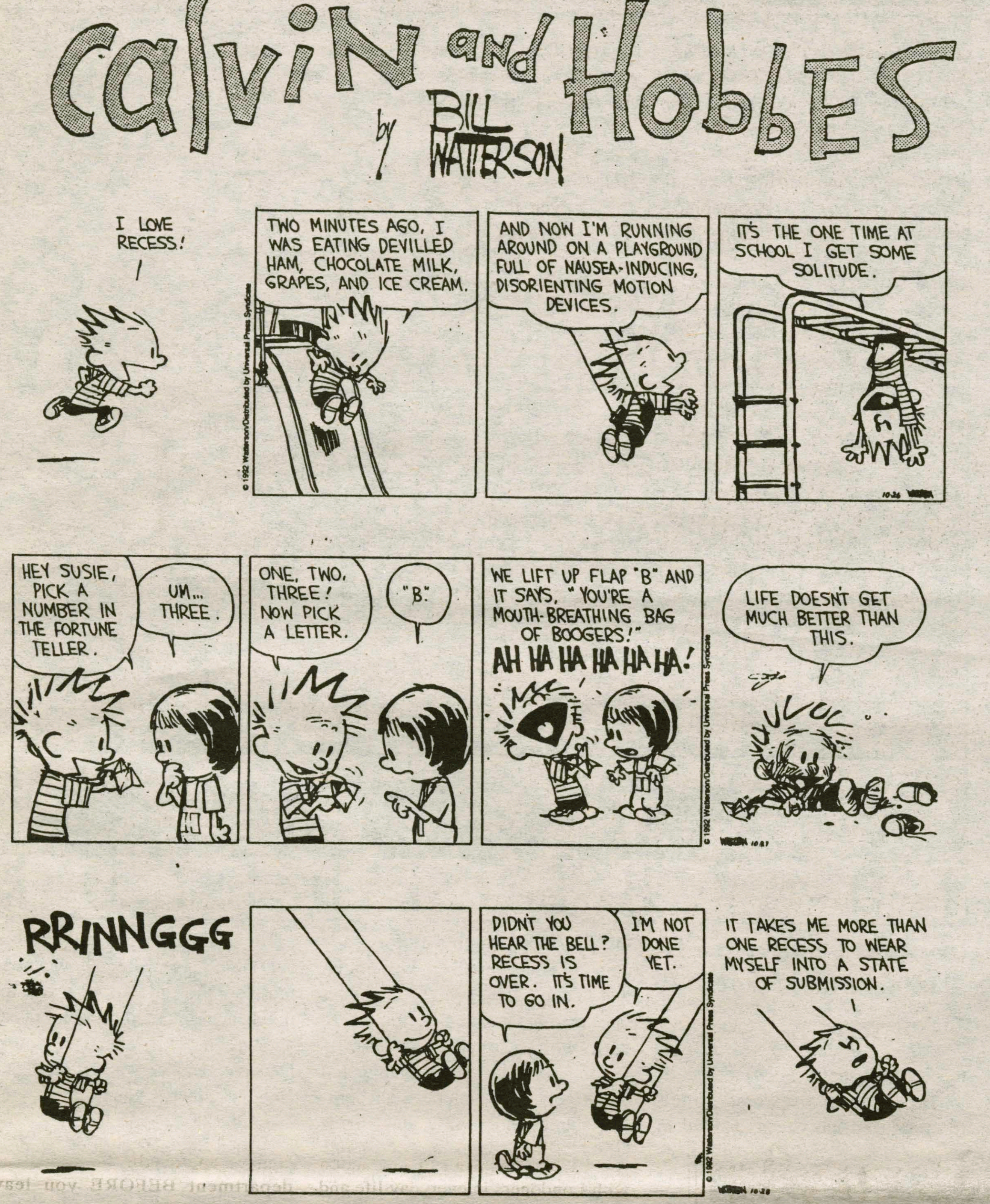

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Campus Crossword

UNREAL ZOOLOGY by Patrick Jordan
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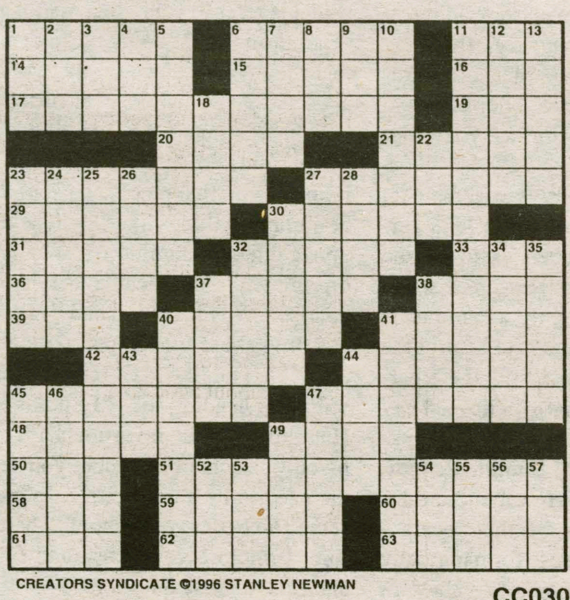
ACROSS
1 Indian honcho
6 Fracas
11 Barker and Bell
14 Calgary iceman
15 Talk-show host Hamilton
16 Benevolent brother
17 Toni Tennille's partner
19 Slugger's stat
20 Overly formal
21 __ in (collapsed)
23 Brief raids
27 Alleges
29 Preparing to drive
30 __ T. Washington
31 Asian ape
32 Not as good
33 Potsdam pronoun
36 Abounding (with)
37 Mingles
38 '60s hairstyle
39 Slangy agreement
40 Penalized a speeder
41 Stereo systems, for short
42 Stockpiles
44 Clothes hater
45 Life's little jokes
47 Bemoans
48 Translucent
49 Verdi opera
50 Actor Chaney
51 Howling deejay
58 Amin of Uganda
59 Torch's crime
60 Numbers game
61 Peace, to Petrarch
62 Letter closing
63 Long time

DOWN
1 Postal abbr.
2 Miss. neighbor
3 Preserves preserver
4 Grant of gospel
5 Dinner portion
6 Indian wraps
7 __ up (stay quiet)
8 Joplin tune
9 Pitch __-hitter
10 Flapjack
11 Game-show magnate
12 *Seascape* playwright
13 Slides on ice
18 Small remnant
22 Exist
23 Tale
24 Eagle's nest
25 *SpaceCamp* actor
26 Toe the __ (obey)
27 Hollowed apples
28 One of Ben's boys
30 Takes on Tyson
32 *The __ of War*
34 Critic Judith
35 Multitudes
37 Deep mud
38 Assistant
40 Approach to the green
41 Word preceding "possible"
43 Undivided
44 Nothing, in slang
45 Long Island town
46 Role for Valerie
47 Describes precisely
49 Get an __ effort
52 Coronado quest
53 Baton Rouge inst.
54 Regular guy
55 One __ time (singly)
56 Midpt.
57 Puts flat on the canvas



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-Katie Holden '00

"ahhhh...it's all wet and moist inside...ugghhh, no but it is!"
-Josh Cooper '00 referring to the cast on his arm

"I like to shoot potatoes at Canadians."
-Steve Maas '00

"I've always wanted to have sex with cowboy boots on!"
-Crazy Uncle Chris '00

"Why do I have to ring out my omlette?"
-Heather Reichart '99

PERSONALS

To my boys,
Sorry I can't make up my mind. It's hard to make a decsion when both options are so appealing. Good things come to those who wait, so be patient with me. I promise to make it worth the wait.

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EDITORIAL

What do we want anyway?

Echoing throughout the residence halls and academic buildings at Hamilton, is the familiar complaint that we, the students, have lost our freedoms. Housing options have become more limited in recent years since the passing of the infamous Residential Life decision and strict social guidelines have been enforced, cramping the style of societies and dorm partiers alike. Ironically, we whine like children about the administration acting like our parents. Many complain that we, as students, are missing out on experiences which would teach us life lessons.

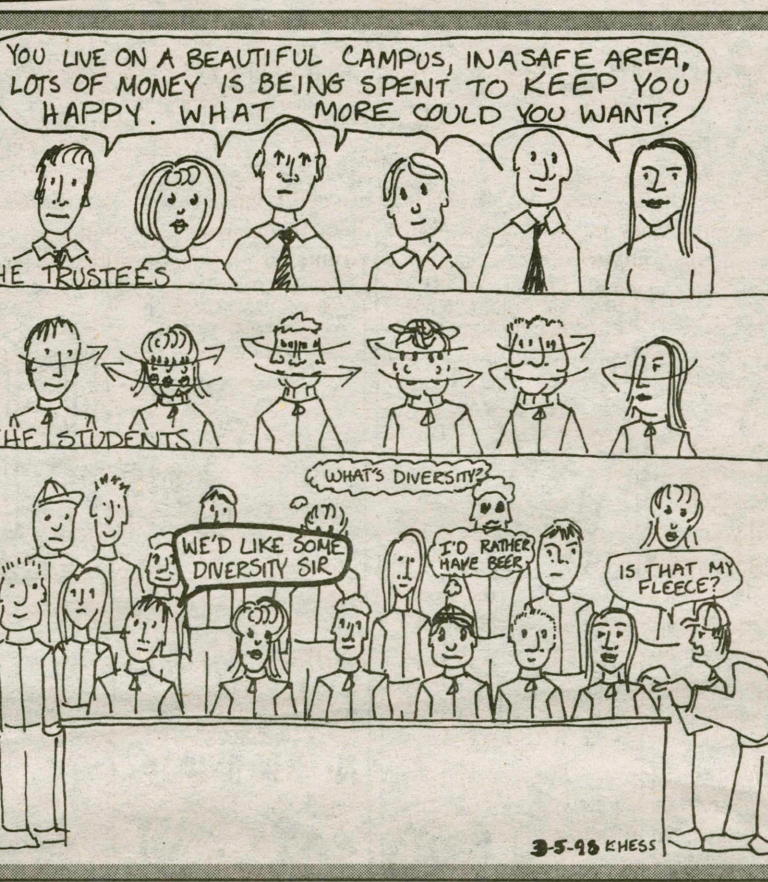
On the contrary, Hamilton is teaching us one very important life lesson: money means power. The students would like a new social space. An area in which to congregate, hold meetings, and have parties. Creating such a space would greatly increase the popularity of the administration, which has plummeted lately due to unfulfilled promises. The trustees will be presented with plans for a new social space by several ad hoc committees over the weekend. They will also meet with a handful of students who have shown that they actually care about the college by responding to Dean of Students Jan Coates' letter of two weeks ago calling for students interested in meeting with the trustees.

You don't need to be an Economics major to figure this one out. Unless we, as a campus, all decide to pitch in to the create-a-social-space fund, the trustees definitely have more money than we do. When it comes down do it, if we do not express our desires and opinions, we cannot change the blueprints into a satisfying reality. Lately it seems that rather than appease the discontented masses which currently compromise the student population, the Powers that Be have decided that attracting new students is a more important task. We have managed to improve our academic standings by admitting increasingly more "outstanding" freshman classes each year. We beautify the campus with such functional additions as the bronze map and the proposed additions to Commons Dining Hall. Brochures will soon show impressive shots of future students like Joe Freshman '05 with his 1600 SAT scores in hand, travelling happily down the newly expanded Martin Brick Road.

Let's not be ungrateful for what we've been given; we are at a great institution which affords us opportunities for expression, learning, and emotional growth. We have excellent resources for a college of our size and ample access to professors and tutors. But let's not fool ourselves either - what the student body wants is not the top priority of those who run Hamilton College. Hamilton is all about standings, rankings, and appearances. The administration's interest lies in changes that advance the college in the eyes of the U.S. News and World Report or The Princeton Review; these changes are currently far more important to the administration than those that would please the students.

Rather than grumble and whine about the current state of the campus or the proposed changes we need to let the trustees and the administration know what matters to us. The message which we need to convey is that simply improving the academic standings of incoming classes does not necessarily make this a better institution. We may appear to outsiders as a happy and prosperous collegiate microcosm, but this is an illusion. If the trustees and administrators are looking for a way to improve the quality of this college, start with the students who are already here. A happy student body is a student body which is interested in the college and who is willing to contribute to planning activities and providing the college with support. We came here because we want to love Hamilton, the administration should work to foster that love.

We, as students, must also be held accountable for our dissatisfaction. If we do not take a more active role in shaping the decisions of the trustees and the administration, we cannot expect to be satisfied. We must voice our opinions through any possible channel, for example, in the Letters to the Editor section of the Spectator. We cannot go on whining forever, work to make Hamilton a place, a community that you genuinely love.



LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

Student appeals to alumni as last resort

To the Trustees:

"Know thyself." This is Hamilton College's motto. For years Hamilton lived by these wise words. Hamilton produced individuals skilled in writing and speech. The college afforded the opportunity for students to independently develop social skills. Through experiences on this "hill," Hamilton graduates could confidently walk into the fast paced world of America and succeed. It became the trait that identified Hamilton. It produced leaders. After four years, one truly achieved the goal to "know thyself."

This is what attracted me and so many others to Hamilton. College is for development, both academically and personally. Hamilton used to appreciate this goal. It was what made this school great. At the new Hamilton, however, the college's motto no longer holds true.

To "know thyself" requires independent thought and personal reflection. It requires one to take in their surroundings and experiences and form opinions based on those lessons. It requires independence. Hamilton does not afford this sacrosanct aspect of personal development anymore. Conversely, the new Hamilton acts as a parent and guardian, rather than the onlooker it so positively played during your four years.

The current drive of President Tobin, his administration, and certain faculty members is to be the teachers of the social lessons that you learned independently as an undergraduate. Their aim is to control the student body and instill their personal vision of what to believe. They wish to decrease student participation and opinion in Hamilton's judicial proceedings. How then, can students be "judged by their peers?" They want students to form mutually agreed upon community values in Hamilton's new residential community. Yet, as past events have shown, the President, administrators, and certain faculty members will not let that occur. They stick to the belief that the students cannot perform these duties without so called "adult supervision." Basically, they want to and do actively force their personal opinions about life, morality, and what is "right" on the students. Can this attitude realistically support the academic community of independent thought you wished to achieve through the changes of three years ago?

The answer is obviously, NO. No one goes to college to be taught lessons about life by a "parent." They go to learn these lessons, just as you did, independently. If anything, some people go to college to get away from their parents. An adult, who was taught such lessons at home by their parents for 18 years, needs an environment to apply these concepts and learn from their mistakes. The semi-controlled environment college provides is perfect for this mission. It is perfect to fulfill Hamilton's motto to "know thyself." Hamilton, acting as a "parent," cripples this goal.

I write to you because you are the only line of defense left to maintain the Hamilton you and I grew to love. Do you ever ask why current students refer to your alma matter as "Hamilton Prep?" Why do students feel the need to leave on the weekends and go elsewhere ever furthering the sentiment that Hamilton is turning into a "suitcase school?" Does it bother you that recent and soon to be alums say things like "I will never give a dime to Hamilton?" Why are driving while intoxicated arrests on the rise? Why has illicit and dangerous drug abuse on campus skyrocketed? Do you like the direction your school is heading in? My point is, Hamilton is your investment. You loved this school so much, you felt the need to be a trustee to help preserve and better your school. Therefore, I implore you to ask and find answers to those questions.

This weekend, administrators will tell you about the state of the campus. They will probably say how everything is excellent, how student morale is at an all time high, and how the changes initiated a couple of years ago are moving ahead smoothly. However, as a very active student at Hamilton, I write you to say that that is not the case.

At today's Hamilton, students will never have the opportunity to live independently in an apartment or know the responsibility entailed in signing a lease. It is possible that students can go through Hamilton without ever doing something as basic as cooking a meal for themselves and cleaning up afterwards. In fact, last week when I wanted to clean my dorm room, I could not because the college denies me access to a mop now, unless the janitor is around! The development of the well-rounded student that you so greatly benefitted from while on the "hill," has been destroyed. Do you want this for your alma matter? Do you want Hamilton to produce a student that, while intellectually superior, is socially inept and timid in the face of authority? I should hope not because that would be the antithesis of exactly who you are. It contradicts Hamilton's long standing tradition of producing presidents and leaders; members of our society that stand-up in the face of adversity and contribute to Hamilton's genuine tradition.

Today, I speak for the many students, both women and men, greek and independent, underclassmen and upperclassmen, who share my opinion. This issue encompasses the entire campus and you must realize it. Hamilton once stood by an awesome understanding of what comprises a college education. You and every other alumnus greatly benefited from this concept. If Hamilton continues in its current direction, not only will Hamilton's great motto of "know thyself" be abandoned, but more amazingly, it will be forfeited under both your authority and acceptance.

Robert Singer '99
Student Assembly Delegate
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A stream of consciousness; finding and keeping nirvana

I'll tell you all something and I'm not ashamed to say it, but honestly don't tell too many people on this campus; they might get mad! *I am genuinely happy.*

Now I know that sounds like a relatively easy thing to achieve. Anyone who thinks so is right. I want anyone reading these black and white letters on this page to realize that I'm not writing this for any other benefit than to say that this place *can* be the best four years of your life. Why do I know? I'll tell you now.

For my first year and half I have been treating this school as a prestigious UNIversity; it is a liberal arts college. I get poor grades. I'm not overly concerned with it though, cause I know now I will get what I need from this place. The reason why is that if policy-schmolicy is going to keep you from having a good time here, which it might and it sucks, you must relax and treat Hamilton as that.

Everyone has a different idea in their head about what this school should be about, and that's great. Minorities in the woodworks or whatever, whites on this campus don't have a big problem. At least that is what I genuinely believe, if someone does, let me know, and I'll find out why. I don't think sleep deprivation is a good thing but it does make you get punchy, therefore achieving more. I apologize to anyone who suffered from my warped mind this week.

I spoke to good old Eugene early in the week and I've realized there is room and money for improvement on the sweet majestic hill of Clinton. If you see those T-shirts in the Great American in Clinton 13323, get yourself one and wear it with pride. Honestly, unless you're going somewhere else soon, you're here for a while!

If you are not going to enjoy Hamilton for yourself, then please at least for your parents' sake, get something from here other than grades.

I don't care if it's grades, student activity groups, the occasional binge drinking, the occasional tobacco product or whatever. If you get the tools, great! Many alumni (extremely successful ones) agree, so it works.

So if you want to go through your life in the mind set that I'm going to be a CEO of a big corporation, fine, have fun. Sorry to tell you this, but I might not have the money that some of you do, but I'll see you there in the big cushy corner office, if I want. Anybody here can do the same!

> **"Give me the eyes to see and the strength to understand, that I may be like you. With your power only can I face the winds."**
> **- John G. Neihardt, Sioux Shaman**

The key is that I have decided in stone what I want to do, because at this age at a small college you are not forced to choose, Yet! It is a very real and scary decision you will have to make, but you still have until the end of your experience.

TAIT O. SVENSON '00
DIG IT, IF YOU CAN

All I'm saying is I refuse to listen to that sentiment because it a waste of my ears, if you want to do that fine, but you are going to miss out on life (life is not 'all about the benjamins', sorry but it is not, if it is for you then I'm so sorry for you and people having to listen to that feeling, because that is bulls**t)

Alright I will get off my little soapbox, because I don't enjoy this. I should not have to say anything, it should be understand in your own due time.

If this article can make you realize or think about something you don't always ponder; than my mission is accomplished. All I will say now is this is *our* campus, because our kin make a huge monetary sacrifice for all of us to come here. That is my point. If it was all about making money, my parents would have sent me to a state school, but my parents love me and that is why I am here.

One last thing, anyone who can make it to the hockey game at Connecticut College (even if you're not friends with many of them.), go to it. They are a good team but with genuine fan support they're even better. I'm not talking, 'yeah let's get a little tipsy and throw an orange, yeah, go Hamilton, yeah, ummmmmm...like do you want to go now. That is not what I'm talking about. If you go, go to cheer. Good luck guys, honestly.

Enjoy your parent's sacrifice please, I don't care about my grades (within reason). Also bookworms, I got news - you may not be aware of the person in the Class of 2000 with the best GPA at this school. You know what, I'll write/speak this person with such good grades; Dean's list every semester, yet he/she still rages night and day and has a good time. Props to him, and I hope that makes mere bookworms seething mad.

It should cause mere bookworms some anger because they are missing out on life. If you don't know what life is, read a little Shakespeare. You can learn a lot from him, whoever the culmination of what Shakespeare is combined to form a very smart being. Peace.

Hamilton sleepers - make a choice

It's snowing again. If one thing remains constant here on the Hill it is the snow. But this year, even the snow hasn't been very reliable. El Nino stole the glory, and we are experiencing a very mild winter. It has been my experience that it is really easy to fall asleep in this kind of weather, especially in the middle of the afternoon. The grey skies come in and the campus falls into a lazy kind of dreamland. This semester, Hamilton students seem to be sleeping more than usual.

Last semester was quite eventful. It was a prolific news period for the *Spectator*; this semester, happenings at the Pub have been in the headlines for months. It seems to me that we have been sleeping for too long.

Last semester a queer student was attacked in the parking lot and the semester before she received a death threat. Each semester I have been here there have been acts of violence and hatred in our community. And each semester the Hamilton community reacts breifly to these "random and unique" problems and then we settle back into slumber.

Staying asleep for too long can be dangerous for all of us. Our slumber allows us to become complacent, we forget or we dream, and we leave pieces of our reality (especially those pieces we are not comfortable with) behind us. But we can not let our sleep deceive us. Since winter break, Hamilton has not magically become a blameless world with a community comprised entirely of peaceful students, faculty, staff and administration. We are still a volitile environment.

> **"If you don't agree with me, then you don't belong here."**

SARAH KNAPP '99
WIDE AWAKE

We still have problems that need to be solved and they are just as real now when they bubble below the surface of our lives as when they hit boiling point and explode.

Sleeping cannot be our excuse. We have a responsibility to the people with whom we live. If you don't agree with me, then you don't belong here. We become part of the problem when we fall asleep or when we say nothing.

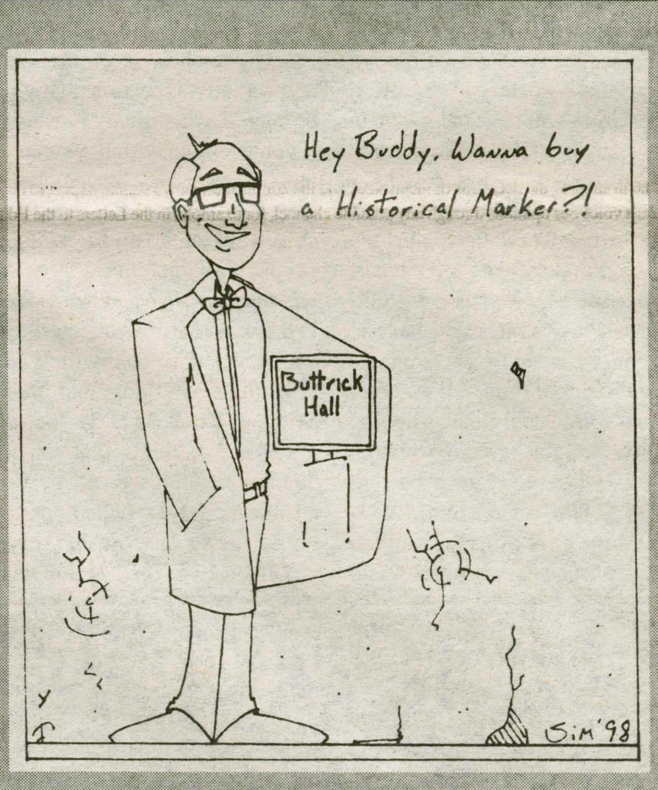
Every time a student at Hamilton decides to phase out when a racist joke is told, or when a queer student is laughed at, or when an unwanted sexual advance is made and we do nothing, we become complicit with the act of hatred. Sleeping through this winter is a choice of the Hamilton community, but make no mistake, it is a *choice*.

I do not want that to be my choice. The majority of the professors chose another path when they had the photograph taken which reads "celebrate diversity."

Maybe we, the students, should put up posters with our pictures saying we will not accept acts of violence or hatred, and we refuse to sleep any longer. We need to realize now that sleeping through our four years at Hamilton is not only dangerous to ourselves and to others-it is morally reprehensible.

I want to be able to graduate in 1999 and to say that I have woken up. Will you be able to say the same?

THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99



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VOICE BOX

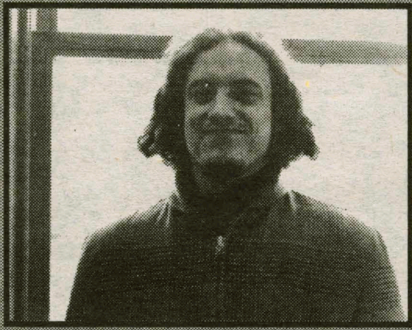
If you were elected leader of the U.S. tomorrow, what would be your first act?

Temple Smith '01

"I would abolish all highway speed limits, deliver mail on Sundays, and allow students to take mid-terms a day early."

Seth Schwartz '98

"I'd make a tax for telling jokes about New Jersey because it would probably balance the budget within a year."



Jason Stenta '98

"I'd stop renting rooms in the White House by the hour to campaign contributors."

Molly Dunne '98

"I'd make kings a recognized sport and pizza the 5th food group - recommended daily allowance; 4 slices."

Questions for white America ; looking for solutions

"DOCTUH MIKE WOODS"
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

I just want to say that maybe some day in some weird universe, that none of us have ever been to, white people will feel what it is like to be excluded from all of the best of anything that a society has to offer. Maybe whites will have to look on in anger, disdain and confusion while blacks, or greens, or oranges, have everything, make all of the laws and act so arrogant that they give the impression that they are not even of the same species. Maybe on a golf course on Pluto whites will have to caddy for aliens, and survive on tips and the charity of others. It is something that you can only learn by going through it. And you have to go through it at a level where you can not bail out as soon as you get uncomfortable. These things have to happen to you and they must be out of your reach to control. To top it off you must also know that you can be punished at any time for any reason without explanation.

If you show too much courage and actually expect change you can be tagged as a militant. Furthermore, if you go along with it, you are signing off way short of your potential just to make someone else comfortable. This can go on for so long that people think that this is the way that it is supposed to be. When in fact this is the way that it was superimposed over you against your will. If you are grateful for anything, that is seen as being an Uncle Tom. If you are not grateful, then things that you cannot do for yourself just do not get done at all. If you get depressed due to historical facts that show that very little has changed in the last 300 years in terms of racial balance, then you are called lazy for not struggling to make things better. If you really work hard and are very insightful, you have suddenly become a threat without even knowing it. When you ask for full representation on all human levels you are laughed at.

Once people defeat you, they show contempt for you. What type of people can be so weak, cruel, and yet be so powerful as to force their will on others in ways that they know they would never want done to them...and then still expect or demand praise from the victims? How can any society reach its potential when it uses oppression for fuel?

How do people of color make whites understand that as far as God is concerned we are not some afterthought? We are not the left overs of the world. How do we make people understand that our lives are important just because it is life itself, and not because we can slam dunk a basketball? How do we stop the scientific community from developing things like the bell curve? How do you live when the things that need to be said may well invite a confrontation that you know that you cannot win? Why does everything have to be a contest in the first place? Why can blacks be asked to put their neck on the front line in war and still not get a seat at "Denny's"? How can white people pass laws that say if you are 10% black you are all black. Can blacks pass similar laws about whites without their permission? And should it even matter? Who is going around measuring?

There are as many blacks in jail as the entire population of Utah. Does this mean that blacks could have easily been given their own state several years ago? If that happened would supplies suddenly get cut off to that state? Am I an Uppity Nigah that will need to be taught a lesson for even writing this? Every one of these questions and thousands more need to be asked not only of the South African leader, de Klerk, but of all leaders of all nations.

I fear that racism in the USA has become so much a part of life that white people are afraid that they can not over come it. It is one thing for people of color to be afraid, in fact it is almost expected. A lot of the visible macho attitude is really fear in another form. When it comes down to defeating the elusive "isms" of our society all of that power is not effective. What if you see the enemy and it is you? What if the enemy is not some poor black man who makes one-fifth of your salary? What if the only way to get past the racial issue is for whites to defeat the monster within, that would desire to reign at any cost, and for blacks to believe even when it looks as if nothing will change? Black people did not blow up a federal building with 168 people in it, an "All-American" white boy did.

How do we know that racial superiority has not become a religion to whites? If the president must still swear in with his hand on the Bible than Christianity is still the expected religious preference of the times. Why do white ministers go year after year without decrying racism? Have they signed off on it because they know that white business actually supports what they do and believe, and that it is by racial dominance that these businesses came to and remain in power? Does that mean that whether by choice, silence, cowardice or default the demonic powers of evil have gained power of attorney over the very religious ideas that could and should bring freedom and equity?

Does this mean that only white ministers can take back the authority from the evil one and call forth justice? Blacks seem perfectly equipped to be the voice of social justice, but as we have seen America has reached a point where it will no longer truly listen to people of color!!!!! That voice will more than likely have to come from a place that the devil does not believe that it ever can come from. That is from White America itself!

The reason why I think there is a religious factor involved is because there are sacrifices involved. At every turn in American history black rights have been sacrificed on the altar of white privilege. This has been true even when white privilege was so far out of the reach of blacks that it could not have been a threat. This shows that a powerful underlying conviction was governing the actions and the final outcome.

Once you sell out to something the first thing to go is your will. You can see that something is wrong and you may even want to change it, but you do not have the will. The longer it goes on, the higher the mountain of things that need to be changed and the weaker your will gets. In fact your will can get so weak that it becomes easier to blame the problems on the very victims that you know can never come by the power to free themselves even from the blame let alone the actual weight of the true problems. The punishment of the sell out is that the truth never really goes away, and if it goes away that means that your conscience is truly dead!!!! The simple fact that you know that you would never want the same things done to you is proof that the knowing does not really just go away.

What is the answer? White America will have to lead this time. The next MLK will not be black but white!!! The bottom line is that racial harmony was sacrificed on the altar of money and power, and there it will remain until there are people who are brave enough kick the devil in the groin and take it back for all people. America is fast reaching a point that it will walk with a limp if it cannot defeat racism.

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How much do you know about computers?

With graduation a few months away, I think one of my biggest mistakes was not taking a computer science course. Three and a half years ago when I came to the Hill I knew little about the Internet. I was an e-mail novice, and I could handle my new Macintosh, a graduation gift from my parents. Almost four years later, computer skills and programming are in high demand and I am without a computer course as I face the job market.

Last week the CEOs of several large computer makers headed to Capital Hill to meet with Congress. They were testifying to the need for larger quotas of work visas for foreign computer programmers, they say there are not enough and that if more are not found the industry risks stagnation. Increasing the number of temporary visas for highly skilled workers from 65,000 to 90,000 yearly is believed to help cover the job growth.

In case you missed it, the technology revolution has arrived and today in the United States there are more jobs for computer programmers than trained people to fill them. Those with programming knowledge and experience fetch top dollar, averaging $58,200 a year in 1995 and $66,500 in 1996.

But it's not only computer programmers who need computer skills; technology is reaching every facet of people's daily lives, particularly in the workplace. Almost all professions find computer technology an important part of their industry, it is revolutionizing business processes, bringing new markets to advertising, and making communication between individuals faster and easier.

Across the country, however, enrollments in computer science departments plummeted from 1986 to 1995. Reaching a peak in 1985 with 50,000 bachelor's and graduate degrees being bestowed in the field, the number fell to 36,000 this in 1995. The last three years have seen a sharp rebound, degrees are beginning to rise at institutions and technical schools across the country.

MATT NOLAN '98
WORD S OF WISDOM

At Hamilton, enrollment in computer science courses is growing quickly also. According to Professor of Computer Science, Stuart Hirshfield, waiting lists for places in introductory level courses on the Hill have reached "epic proportions." He also stated that his colleagues at other colleges face similar situations.

These are just introductory level courses, and they are preparing students, for the fastest growing industry in the country. The current boom is not believed to be an aberration either. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts more than a million new jobs in the sector by 2000. So why is it that the computer science department at Hamilton consists of just one part-time and three full-time professors?

The college has obviously made the a commitment to technology on campus; the installation of the campus-wide ethernet network, and the purchase of new computers to outfit improved labs is a testament to this. According to students in the department the current faculty is very good, but many students are being closed out of even entry level courses. In possibly one of the most dynamic fields that students can study here on the Hill, the lack of instructors is difficult to understand.

Attracting new students to the Hill requires having strong departments in a wide range of fields. While computer science is not as established a major at Hamilton, as compared to government or economics, it promises to be one of great importance as we enter the new millennium. Even in its short life, department graduates have already gone on to work at such companies as Merrill Lynch, AT&T, and Eastman Kodak in positions such as Senior Systems Analyst and Software Engineer..

Development in the computer industry occurs at an incredible pace, but at Hamilton things seem to move a bit slower. Enlarging the computer science department and increasing the school's commitment to the area is important and the time is now. In order to produce those well-rounded liberal arts graduates the college loves it is time to make students computer savvy, giving them the tools to compete in the technological world of business.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By "Serge Skyway" & "Trylana Lane"

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- Hamilton Men's Hockey
- inner children
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- cat people

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Yevtushenko, Russia's greatest poet, makes magic in Chapel

By Christine Bower '00
SPECIAL TO THE SPEC

Yevgeny Yevtushenko brought his unique blend of poetry and performance to the Hill on Wednesday night. Arguably Russia's greatest living poet, Mr. Yevtushenko has been compared to William Faulkner, John Dos Passos, and to his country's Dostoevsky, Pasternak, and Pushkin. Yevtushenko claims that he is an old poet and a young novelist, but his spirited performance disproved the first part of this statement. Reciting poetry is a full-body performance for Yevtushenko. He gestures wildly, his voice rises and falls with an almost incantatory quality, buzzing and humming around both English and Russian consonants, at times nearly whispering, sometimes chanting, at others shouting and almost screaming. The years lined into his face melted away as he spoke, flinging his body across the performance space, at one point leaping off of the stage and chasing himself through the audience as he recited the poem from memory.

Witnessing the theatrical interplay between Yevtushenko and Hamilton's own Professor Lucy Ferriss, who had the honor of sharing the stage with him, was almost like watching a play. Professor Ferriss was an ideal match for Yevtushe ko's comic and emotional outbursts, and delivered the English counterpoint to his Russian recitation.

At one point he candidly explained to the audience that the love poem, "I love you more than nature," which they were about to perform was dedicated to his wife, and then turned to Professor Ferris and apologized that it was not dedicated to her.

But Yevtushenko does not only write love poems. His works deal with two major topics: the nature of humanity and society, and the freedom and role of creativity, and the artist, in society. He fights strongly against government censorship, and was heavily influenced by his childhood in Siberia during World War II, which his semi-autobiographical film *Kindergarten* attests to. Yevtushenko is an extremely political figure in Russia, and even served on the Russian Parliament for several years.

Although never formally prosecuted for his work, many of his more controversial poems, stories, and essays were not permitted to be published by the government, which kept very close tabs on his work. Yevtushenko was extremely active in protesting the actions of the Soviet government in Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan, as well as the arrest and Siberian imprisonment of writer Alexsander Solzhenitsyn, and the poems written around these events are only just beginning to be published. Yevtushenko's popularity, poetry, and letters to key political figures were instrumental in engineering the release of many Russian artists and writers imprisoned for their works and political views.

Throughout his life, Yevtushenko has never lost his faith in the human spirit. He is a very self-reflective, confessional poet, refusing to criticize the political system which he often wrote so strongly against, saying that socialism was the dream of many great men, including Picasso and Pablo Naruda, but had been crippled by history.

His present projects include revitalizing Russian culture and cultural traditions within Russia, and preserving Russia's autonomy against the barrage of Western ideas and "things" entering his country. The role of the poet, according to Yevtushenko, is to express the selves of those who cannot express themselves, to be the "voice of the voiceless." People are turning their backs on poetry just when they need it most, he warns, because poetry is the most basic instinct of humanity.

Emerson exhibit opens

By Jessica Hunt '01
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, March 6, The Emerson Gallery, located in Christian Johnson Hall, will host an opening reception for its new exhibition entitled Hamilton Collects: Photographs and Drawings from the Permanent Collection, from 4-6:00 P.M.

The exhibition, which features a wide range of nineteenth and twentieth century drawings and photographs, was made possible primarily through donations from friends and alumni/ae of Hamilton College.

Highlights of the collection include images acquired by nineteenth century tourists during their journeys abroad, in addition to twentieth-century works by American photographer Garry Winogrand and Mexican photographer Manuel Alvarez Bravo.

Included in the exhibition are some of the most powerful turn-of-the-century portraits of Native Americans by Edward Curtis, works by popular French photographer Eugene Atget depicting the streets of Paris, and The Man Who Resembles Erasmus, a striking piece by Edward Steichen.

In addition to a series of outstanding photographs, a number of exceptional drawings were chosen from the collection to be exhibited, including Morris Graves' mysterious piece, Owl, Guitarist in Hat by E.E. Cummings, and several humorous sketches by French artist Henri Gaudier Brzeska.

Also included are a selection of landscape pencil drawings, one by David Johnson of the Hudson River landscape, and two others by Oscar Bluemner, and a sheet of figure studies by Arthur B. Davies. Recent acquisitions to be shown for the first time, drawings by Oskar Kokoschka and Henry Moore, were donated by a longtime patron of the Emerson Gallery, William Roehrick, a graduate of the Class of 1934.

The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are weekdays, 12-5, and weekends, 1-5. The exhibition will be closed during Spring Break, (March 14-29). For more information call x4396.

Newtheatergroupperfomsin Kirkland

By Katie Coffey '00
SPECIAL TO THE SPEC

Early last fall, several Hamilton students wondered about the lack of a student run theater organization on campus. Upon talking the subject over with friends they discovered that there were others that shared a similar interest in creating such an organization. Thus, the student run "Untitled at Large Theater Company" was founded by Emily Musty '99 and Pamela Kennedy '00. With financial support from the Student Assembly Funding Committee, the group was able to produce the one act comedy, "Laundry and Bourbon" last December.

As a young organization, dealing with several major obstacles, the prime one among them being rehearsal and performance space, the group has been limited in terms of quantity of productions. Their first show of the semester is Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party," a complex play dealing with the demise of a former gangster, Stanley (Brad Fleischer '00) who has gone into hiding in a seaside boarding house. Two of his previous colleagues, Goldberg and McCann (Brandon Sornberger '00 and Dustin Helmer '99) track him down and appear in the boarding house run by Mr.and Mrs.Boles (Ryan Larrance '00 and Pamela Kennedy '00). These men have business to settle with Stanley and they happen to appear on the day of his birthday party attended by neighbor and friend Lulu (Emily Musty '99) who develops a crush on Goldberg. The plot unfolds in unexpected and shocking ways as the characters build and destroy relationships among themselves. Directed by Benjamin Hirshfield '00, the production promises to be engaging, entertaining and thought provoking. As far as future plans for "Untitled At Large," stay tuned for events to come.

The Untitled at Large Theater Company

"The Birthday Party" will be performed on Saturday March 7th at 6:00 P.M and on Sunday March 8th at 7:00PM in the Kirkland Dorm Loft (the fourth floor of the dorm) and is a free event. Please come and out and support your friends and the growth of student directed and produced theater at Hamilton.

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By The Mysterious Q
A&E Writer

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
All Pisces are bursting with some kind of energy. Sure, you may be getting the mid-semester fatigue, but there's some part of you that is working full force. Be sure to abuse that energy. Your lucky snow sport is: fort building.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
One more week to plow through before a chance to relax is upon you. Don't give up too easily, you've been doing so well. This break will give you opportunity to re-energize. Make sure you take full advantage of it because the rest of the semester will be full of good times. Your lucky sport is: hockey.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
The smart gods are shining on you, Taurus. Anything you write will receive praise, anything you say in class will be commended, anything you think will be pure genius. Your lucky hygiene product is: Glide Dental Floss.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Gemini, a talent within you is dying to come out. Strut yourself wherever your break takes you. There may be some interesting people in your audience who will get a chance to truly see you shine. Your lucky author is: Virginia Woolfe.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
Has it felt as though the stars have been frowning at you, Cancer? Soon enough the bad times will go away and a black cloud will no longer be your shadow. Just say a few prayers before going to bed and they will banish! Your lucky organizer is: a blue file folder.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Some words of wisdom for a love-seeking Leo: patience, effort, and a somewhat sober disposition can do you wonders when out strutting your stuff. For those of you Leo's who are attached or not interested in the love game, you already know everything there is to know, be proud of yourselves! Your lucky country is: Guatemala.

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)
Your technical skills can make you close friends, use them and abuse them. People will notice your strenghts if you make them apparent. Stop coming out of your shell and then retreating back, either go all out or stop teasing the onlookers. Your lucky snack is: nacho potato chips.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
When others are tired you're ready to party and when others are ready to kick it you would give anything to sleep...why are things never in synch for you Libra? This week things will miraculously change. Your schedule will be everyone's schedule, have fun while you have this amazing chance. Your lucky test is: oral.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
The eyes are all on you once again. Is your life one continuous performance? Keep your chin high and smile, beacuse as always you will need to shine, you were made for the stage, Scorpio! Don't have any wories. Your lucky relaxation method is: sleep.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
Your soul mate is waiting for you just around the next corner. Be sure to look in all dark places and cubby holes or else you may walk right on by. Good times are coming because Spring season is a time for love. Your lucky paper is: half way done.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
Are you ready to be the mountain man you see yourself as? In a few weeks your skills and knowledge of the land will be put to the test, don't let anyone down. Their trust is in your hands. Your lucky food is: a pierogie.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
So that sassy body of yours is sending you some clear messages. Relax a bit and let it heal before you do some permanent damage. Remember you are only a normal human being, although I know you think otherwise. Your lucky personality trait is: the quick but dramatic shifts your mood makes.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

Dark City

A-

Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown 8
Sangertown Square Mall

By Kathy Hess '99
A&E Writer

This movie is a lot like your average thriller. It has similar plot turns, similar roles of characters, and similar lines. The differenceis that it is set in a dark city, and has a lot of science fiction type twists and turns. The quality of the cast and the plot just sucks you in.

The movie opens with John Murdoch (Rufus Sewell: *Cold Comfort Farm*) waking up in a tub in a dirty apartment. He has a cut in his forehead, and no memory. He discovers in his apartment a suitcase, a change of clothes, and a dead naked woman who has spirals cut in pretty designs all over her. The action starts with a call from Dr. Schreber (Kiefer Sutherland: *Stand By Me*)

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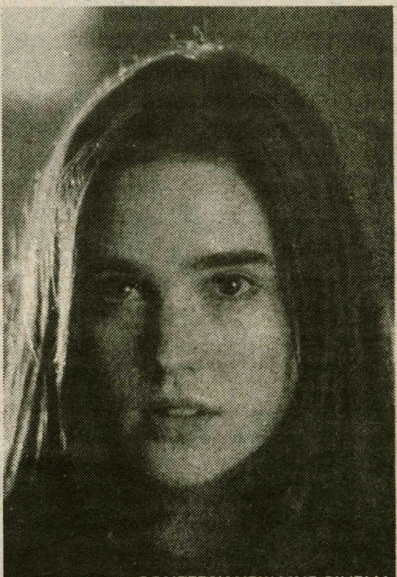
who tells John that there are people after him.

What happened? Well, some aliens that Dr. Schreber calls "the strangers" (insert spooky music here), have borrowed some earthlings and put them in a great big city in space, shaped like a spiral, and are now experimenting with them to discover what makes them individuals. The aliens are a cross between Star Trek's the Borg (collective memory, blue faces, stronger and smarter than your average bear, also kind of mean, no women) and Jim Carrey's *the Mask* (simple names like "Mr. Hand," "Mr. Book", same hat without the color, they also wear trenchcoats for the whole movie). The alien race is dying and they think that human souls hold the key. They have a talent for moving matter with their minds. This is called "tuning." This "tuning" makes the scenery for the movie really cool because the city constantly grows and changes.

The "strangers" change the city around to go with the memories that they "imprint" on the people within the city. In other words if I am a movie reviewer, but the "strangers" imprint on me a love of rugby, I will go and play rugby, instead of seeing another movie. Will John's love continue for his wife Emma (Jennifer Connelly: *Labrynth*)? Will Inspector Frank Bumstead (William Hurt: *Kiss of the Spider Woman, The Doctor*) catch John Murdoch for murdering six prostitutes? If he does, who will he believe?

This movie was written by Alex Proyas who directed The Crow, famous for being the movie that Bruce Lee's son, Brandon Lee, died during the shooting of. Dark City is similar by being dark, and having its heroes create their own identities, and by having the cops not be on either the good side or the bad side. Dark City, because it is a different planet, has an even more surreal quality to it.

There are no guns or explosions in this movie. In Dark City, the bad guy is also a lot more creative. Mr. Book (Ian Richardson: *Brazil*) is in charge of the "strangers," but Mr. Hand (Richard O'Brien: wrote and was Riff Raff in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*) is the man who is implanted with John Murdoch's memories and is sent after him. Overall, the two films are very different, and have different themes.



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The movie is very creative, and the special effects are awesome. The actors do a great job. Rufus Sewell has a great face for being a victim of circumstance, great big eyes in bigger sockets. Kiefer Sutherland pulls a lot of Dr. Strangelove into his performance, but it isn't too distracting.

Jennifer Connelly is kind of the Smurfette of the movie. She is the woman, and is probably there because the director/writer/producer thought, "We need a woman in the movie somewhere!" Connelly's performance is strong despite kind of being an afterthought type role. Emma is a convenient motive for action, but is just as easily forgotten.

William Hurt adds gravity to the film, and injects as much reality as is necessary. The evil guys are very evil, in particular one stranger who is a child. That boy is quite scary.

There were definitely flaws with the movie, but Alex Proyas went so much into a different world that they are not distracting to the plot or the scenes. He created another world for his latest film, and it is quite successful.

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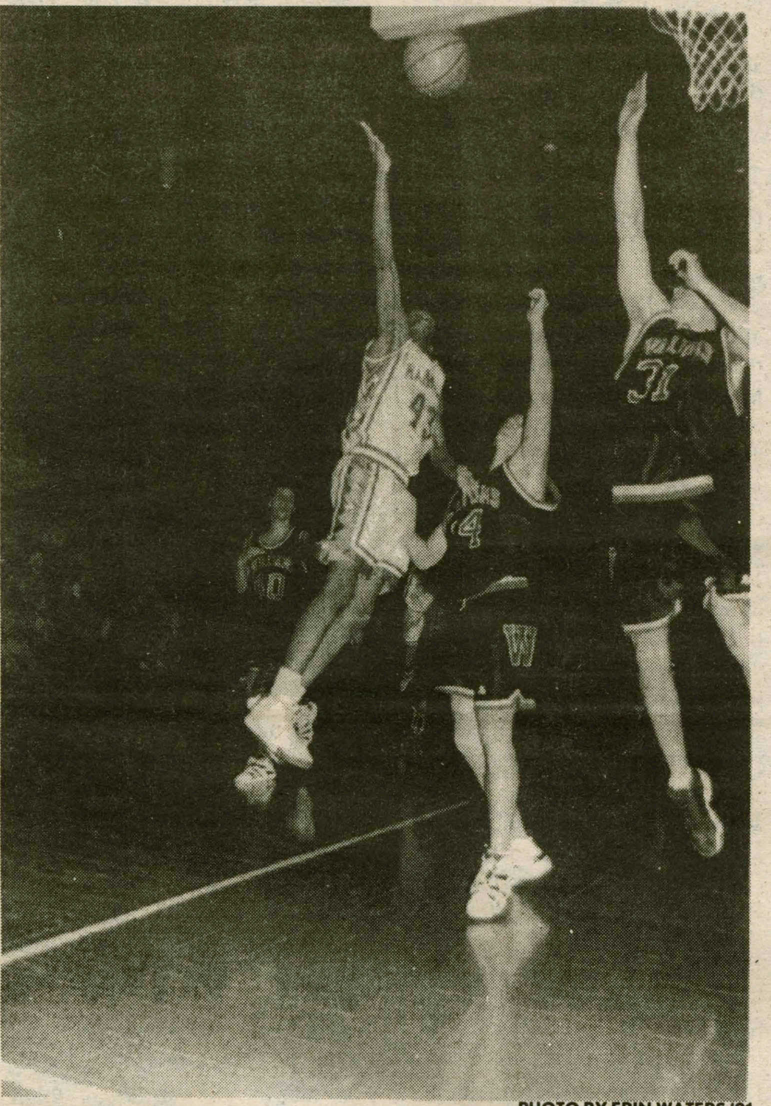

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The final regular season game pitted Williams guards against Hamilton's Lamar Johnson '99.

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dent throughout the course of the game. The two shared time at the point guard position and handled the offense in an extremently effective manner.

Stroman's tenacious defense was key to the Continentals early success. His defense has been consistent throughtout the season, but the last two weeks it has been even more impressive. In the season finale against Williams, Stroman guarded Clinton product Matt Hunt, who was one of Williams' best offensive weapons. "Max did a great job on Hunt," said Murphy. "He held him to no field goals in the first half, and I was really impressed."

"Max is the best defensive player in Division III basketball," remarked Thorpe. "He's always covering the other team's best player and shutting them down. He doesn't get the credit he deserves, because defense tends to often be overlooked."

Every Continental player got into the game, and 11 different players scored. One of the most fulfilling aspects of the game was that everybody on the roster contributed to the victory in one way or another.

Brian Murphy '99 performed well and got the crowd excited when he hit a three-point shot. Similarly, two freshmen, Brendan Ferretti and Jimmy McCarthy, were solid on offense, and both contributed when their time came.

There are a lot of players who do not see action on a regular basis, but when they do step on the court they give 100%. There were countless examples of this inspired play in Thursday night's game. Jim DiNardo '00 looked like Thorpe when he banked in a three-point shot in the win. JD Deason '99 ripped down rebounds like Schantz. Mark Viviano '99 pump faked and hit turn around jump shots like Schmiegel.

These are the unsung heroes who are vital to the Continentals' success, but unfortunately sometimes are overlooked. It was enjoyable to see these athletes play in the NCAA tournament and play well in limited time.

St. John Fisher finished the regular season with over 20 wins, but the Continentals defeated three teams with 20 or more wins during the regular season, including one on the road against Amherst.

"We've been taking it one game at a time so we haven't studied St. John Fisher that much yet," said Schmeigel, who relaxed by watching a movie after the big win. "We know they're a 'run and gun' team like us, and it should definitely be an exciting game. Hopefully we can come out of there with a win."

The fans came out in force to cheer for the Continentals. The infamous "Dog Pound" was in excellent form, as were all of the fans who came out to root for the Continentals. Will there be a large crowd of Hamilton supporters when the Continentals travel to play St. John Fisher?

"I know that parents and a bunch of our friends are coming and will make some noise," added Schmiegel. "It should make it easier for us to take away their homecourt advantage."

The Continetals believe they can win Saturday. If they can emulate their performance against Geneseo then I do not believe they can be beaten.

Colby leaves Sage rink after bitter loss

Continentals sing redemption song in quarter-final victory

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'99, took over.

With only 2:34 remaining in the game, the junior defenseman took a beautiful feed from Robb Rigg '99 from behind the net and banged home the puck, tying the game and sending it into overtime. "The goal was a huge emotional lift for us," Coakley said, "Colby had everything going for them and was on their way to a win, it took the momentum away from them."

Coakley and the Conts needed only 1:26 to prove that they had the momentum in overtime. Off an ordinary dump-in, the puck bounced off the boards and trickled out in front where Coakley was waiting. Coakley took the puck and moved it from his backhand to forehand, fooling Cherella, and put it past the goalie for the win. Coach Grady said of Coakley's heroic performance, "Good teams always find ways to win and good players will always step up when needed, and Coakley stepped up big in this one." Coakley however was quick to give praise to teammates and deflect the spotlight. "The whole team played well," Coakley said, "On my first goal Rigg made a great pass and on the second, we worked hard to get the puck into their zone and it took a funny bounce. I got lucky." Luck or no luck, Coakley scored two of the biggest goals of the season for the Conts and has sent them into the semi-finals.

Next up for Hamilton is another team they'll look to get revenge on. They'll play Salem St. this evening at 4pm in the Dayton Arena in Connecticut (Conn. College is hosting the Final Four as they are the highest remainning seed. They'll play Norwich at 7:30pm). Salem St. beat Hamilton in early February on a last second goal. "Despite the loss, we know we outplayed Salem State last time," said Coakley of the game, "We're going into this game with lots of confidence." Senior Captain John Whitwell '98 added, "We were close two years ago, but lost in overtime. This year we won't be satisfied with anything less than a championship." As always, Hamilton will look to control Salem St. and play a physical game, "We need to take the body and concentrate on our game." Coakley stated, "That's the key to our success. That's the key to a championship."

Women's hockey ends season with loss

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most a full two periods, Stacy Tysinski '99 scored from a pass from Amy Williams '99, with three minutes left in the second period. The game was pretty evenly matched, but with Hamilton dominating offensively in the third period.

After the goal in the second period, the team was confident that they could win this game. However, with fifty-five seconds left in the game, after having pulled their goalie, UVM was able to score, tying the game 1-1.

The game went into overtime, playing five minutes scoreless. Coach Tullock remarks, "This was a big win for us, though we tied, because we were able to play evenly with them, and show them that we can play better than our first match-up.

They needed to win this game in order to make the ECAC Alliance Tournament, and since they tied us, they were pushed out. We played a good game, and ended the season positively." Victoria Hayes again played a superb game.

Tullock commented, "Victoria, having come in mid-season, has progressed, and has shown this weeked that she can play well in tough games. She previously did not get a lot of league-game playing time, and I am very impressed with her playing this past weekend."

The team will not be going on to the ECAC Tournament, sporting a 8-12-2 record. Tullock states, "When we began this season not having any seniors, and having eleven first-years, I knew that we would have trouble with role-models and experience. We have four juniors, two of which have played here for three years. That makes it difficult to compete in the tough games where the experience is needed. In the games when we were down a goal, and could have come back and won, the lack of experience really inhibited us from winning."

Tullock continued, "On a more positive note, the second part of the season the girls came together as a team and stepped up their playing level to be more competitive. I credit the first years with being able to hold their own and accept a lot of responsibility that normally is not needed when there are more upperclassman on the team. They were able to work hard and improve and work as a team. Next year, losing no seniors, the team will have a good basis and hopefully improve on this year's record."

Successful seasons for sensational squash squads

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Coach Austin when asked if he had expectations, "I wasn't sure what to expect. I was looking for anything in terms of numbers, but I received a pleasant surprise from both teams in that regards. What I did expect and did get was hard work, individual and team improvement, and also more importantly the enjoyment of the teams."

He also added that, "This team responded to the challenges I set before them. I threw people into the varsity level that had never played before and I think everybody responded to the adversity."

Even though their records did not show a successful season, both the men's and women's squash teams here at Hamilton College did have successful seasons.

Their success came in the form of building a strong team for the future seasons to come. Next season should therefore be a good one.

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Men's swimming places second

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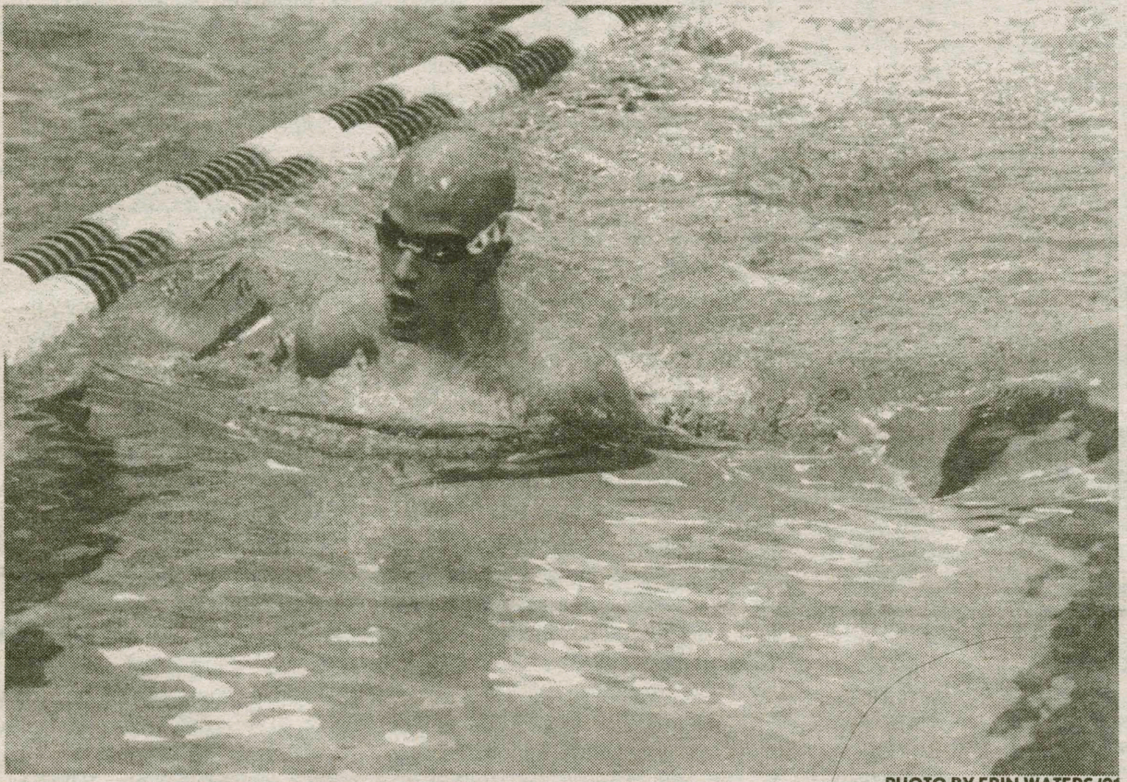

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Despite the second place finish, the Hamilton men crush the rest of the opposition.

BY SETH CROSSMAN '01
SPORTS WRITER

In the midst of a full crowd the men's swim team finished an indisputable second place 450 points ahead of third place, only a few races, a few points behind State Champion Union.

Despite the finish the men weren't exactly happy falling behind Union. "We set real high standards," said Coach David Thompson, "and we expected to be ahead of everyone else." Earlier in the season Hamilton had lost to Union by one point. Still Coach Thompson was "happy with everyone's performance." Most of the swimmers had personal bests including Senior Captain Andrew Wintermuth, Adam Bushnoe '99, and DJ Postles '00, who, pending Thursday's announcement, will continue on to nationals. Hamilton was led by the performances of its dynamic relay teams. The 200 freestyle relay team consisting of Wintermuth, Bushnoe, Tommy Liem '98, and Anthony Loeffler '01 finished third as did the 200 medley team consisting of Senior Captain Josh Plati, Liem, Loeffler, and Mike Ogurick '00.

The 400 freestyle team of Wintermuth, Bushnoe, Postles, and Dan Bordoni '01 cruised to second. Also finishing second was the 800 freestyle team of Bushnoe, Postles, Loeffler, and Bordoni as well as the 400 medley relay team of Wintermuth, Bushnoe, Ogurick, and Bordoni. Postles continued Hamilton's fine performance by winning both the 500 freestyle and the 1650 freestyle and taking third in the 200 freestyle. Wintermuth showed senior precision by taking second in the 200 backstroke, and third in both the 400 IM and 200 IM. Plati, in his last performance, dazzled the spectators by grabbing fourth in the 200 backstroke, fifth in the 400 IM, and sixth in the 200 IM.

Bushnoe sped to second in the 100 fly and third in 50 freestyle and 200 fly, while Liem finished fourth in the 100 fly and Alejandro Gentry '01 finished fourth in the long 1650. Shawn Murphy '01 finished an impressive third in the 500 freestyle.

Freshman Scott Carlton showed mature talent by diving to second in both the 1 and 3 meter boards behind the best diver in the region. "The team swam so well and the work of the season paid off," said Bushnoe. "Super meet," said Coach Thompson. "It was the closest in four or five years so we are in the game. I'm proud how the guys handled the competition and we will keep fighting to get what we want."

DJ Postles, the sophomore nicknamed the "Dominator," will head to the national meet highly ranked in two events. He is currently ranked sixth in the mile which consists of 1650 meters freestyle. He is also ranked seventh in the 500 freestyle. Both of these rankings are high and unexpected for the skilled swimmer.

Joining Postles is co-captain Andrew Wintermuth. The senior will swim in the 400 and 200 individual medleys. Wintermuth will also swim in a backstroke event among the top competitors in the state.

Last, but not least, Adam Bushnoe will compete in the 200 and 100 butterfly events. Additionally, Bushnoe is marked to compete in a fierce 50 meter freestyle race that is sure to be fast and rigorous.

Good luck to all three swimmers.

Intramural Sports '98

Hockey*

"A" League

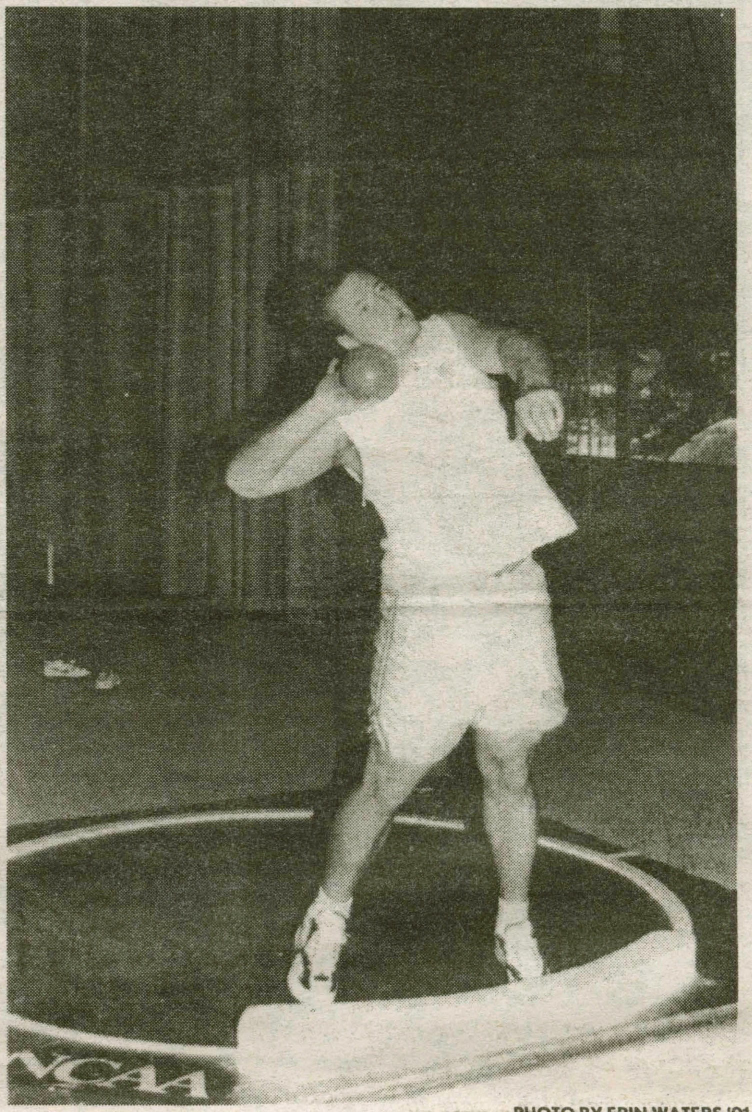
	Record	PTS	GF	GA
Alpha Delta Phi	3-4-1	7	20	33
Sabotage	5-3-0	10	44	27
Strange Brew	2-6-0	4	24	40
Team Zero	2-5-1	5	15	23
The New Order	7-1-0	14	46	26

"B" League

	Record	PTS	GF	GA
Castrovinci's Team	1-9-0	2	25	45
Ice Pirates	7-3-0	14	41	26
Jurassic Pucks	9-1-0	18	30	19
Team Hard Core	7-2-1	15	57	27
Team TKE & the Crackheads	1-8-1	3	16	40
The Iceholes	4-6-0	8	25	37

**Scores as of 2/28/98*

Track gives stellar performance at states



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Bob "Tuna" Fish '98 practices his shotput form.

BY MATT NOLAN '98
SPORTS WRITER

You can't ask for much more than having the best performance of your college career in the State Championship your senior year. Ask Bob Fish '98, who not only threw a personal best in the shot put at last Saturday's NYSCTC Championships at Union College, but also won the event and was named Outstanding Field Athlete of the meet by the coaches.

Fish, who led the qualifiers entering the final three throws, outdistanced his nearest competitor by nearly half a meter in the victory. Ranked highly on the performance lists for the ECAC Championships this weekend, Fish looks to surpass his best of last week and challenge the best throwers in the region.

The women's team also produced a State Champion as Tara Woolford '99 ran away from the competition to capture a victory in the 5,000 meters. Even more impressive about Woolford's victory was the school record which she broke in the race. A fourteen year old record, set by Martha Perkins '86, was crushed by a whopping 22 seconds.

Woolford, who celebrated her 21st birthday this Wednesday, will also be travelling to Wheaton College in Massachusetts for this weekends ECAC championship. Woolford, however, plans to compete in the 3,000 meters where she feels she has a better chance of doing well against the stiff competition.

The state meet proved to be successful endeavors for both the men's and women's teams; the men took 7th place, their best in recent memory, while the women's team took eighth place overall.

Two relay teams on the women's team also set school records, although not by margins comparable to Woolford's performance. Both the Distance Medley Relay (DMR) and 4x800m teams broke school records, some of which they had set earlier this year.

Also making the All-State teams for the men were Joe Button '99 and Erin Ersenkal '98. The duo took third and second places respectively in the 1,000 meters, after winning their qualifying sections in preparation for the finals.

First year Kristin Daly also placed well, at third in the 500 meters and making the All-State selection. Daly is also preparing to race at this weekend's ECAC championships, hopefully with great success.

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This Week In Hamilton Sports

	Men's Hoops	Women's Hoops	Men's Hockey	Women's Hockey	Men's Squash	Women's Squash	Indoor Track & Field	Swimming
Fri. Mar 6			Salem St. @Conn.College 4 pm					
Sat. Mar 7	St. John Fisher 7:30 pm							
Sun. Mar 8								
Mon. Mar 9								
Tues. Mar 10								
Wed. Mar 11								
Thur. Mar 12								
Fri. Mar 13								

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome Sports Editors, Elliott, Jason "Santax" Santarcangelo and Ringel Dingel, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Elliot Nix *Spectator Sports Editor*	Jason Santarcangelo *Sports Editor*	Ringel Dingel *Associate Sports Editor*	Brandon Sturma Freshman *Guest #11*	Charlie Lower Big Sophomore *Guest #12*
	Last Week: 10-2 To date: 44-24	Last Week: 10-2 To date: 44-24	Last Week: 11-1 To date: 52-16	Last Week's Guest: Jay Newmark 10-2	Last Week's Guest: Matt Miller 9-3
NHL					
New York at New Jersey 3/7	Devils	Devils	Devils	Devils	Devils
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh 3/7	Penguins	Flyers	Penguins	Flyers	Flyers
Dallas at St. Louis 3/7	Stars	Stars	Blues	Stars	Stars
Buffalo at Montreal 3/7	Sabres	Sabres	Canadians	Sabres	Sabres
NBA					
Charlotte at New Jersey 3/8	Nets	Nets	Nets	Nets	Hornets
Boston at Indiana 3/8	Celtics	Pacers	Pacers	Celtics	Pacers
Detroit at LA Lakers 3/8	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Chicago at New York 3/8	Bulls	Bulls	Bulls	Bulls	Bulls
College Basketball					
Wakeforest at Clemson 3/6	Demon Deacons	Demon Deacons	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers
Syracuse at Villanova 3/6	Orangemen	Orangemen	Orangemen	Orangemen	Orangemen
Michigan at Iowa 3/6	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines
Cincinatti at Louisville 3/6	Bearcats	Bearcats	Bearcats	Cardinals	Bearcats

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

The State of Professional Sports

JASON SANTARCANGELO
FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Just one week ago, I spoke of the Carolina Hurricanes' attempt to sign Detroit Red Wing superstar and restricted free agent holdout **Sergei Fedorov**. The Hurricanes were successful in rewriting the written rules of free agency when they signed Fedorov to an unprecedented offer sheet.

Hurricanes, desperate for someone to fill the empty seats, offered Fedorov was offered a $38 million, six-year contract that included a $12 million bonus that Fedorov is to receive if his team reaches the conference finals. The contract sounds reasonable if it were not for the fact the Hurricanes are in danger of not making the playoffs.

After an arbitrator ruled the contract valid, the Red Wings quickly matched the Hurricanes' offer. They will now have to pay their star center the $14 million dollar signing bonus, $2 million dollar salary for twenty-five games and the extra $12 million dollar bonus if the Wings reach the Conference finals, all by July 1st.

Just when the National Hockey League had given itself a black eye, the National Basketball League stole the spotlight less than seven days later. December 1, 1997 was a normal day of practice for the Golden State Warriors head coach **P.J. Carlesimo** until practice ended and upset guard **Latrell Sprewell** attacked the coach, twice.

The attack was met with swift action. The Warriors terminated Sprewell's contract (in essence they fired him) and the NBA suspended him for one entire year on December 3rd. The players, media and fans all added their own two cents about the lack of sportsmanship displayed by Sprewell.

The players union had contested the suspension questioning whether or not Sprewell had actually punched Carlesimo in the second of the two incidents that occurred some twenty minutes after the first. But arbitrator **John Feerick** found that one did after reviewing the testimony of twenty-three NBA witnesses.

The suspension was the longest non-drug-related penalty in NBA history. But two days ago, Feerick the Dean of Fordham Law School ruled the penalty was too much and reduced the disgruntled player's suspension by five months. Feerick also reinstated Sprewell's contract.

The gain: the remaining $17.3 million dollars of his contract and the right to once again play basketball beginning July 1, 1998. The loss: 68 games, and $6.4 million dollars, and respect in the community.

"I find that a penalty of 68 games (and $6.4 million in lost salary) is commensurate with the severity of the misconduct, addresses the wrong done to the head coach, and conveys a message that violence in the NBA will be dealt with severely but always with due regard to principles of fairness," arbitrator John Feerick wrote.

NBA commissioner **David Stern** had some not so nice things to say about the outcome. "The arbitrator is a very charitable man, and he made a charitable decision in respects to Mr. Sprewell in this decision," Stern said. He continued, "The reinstatement is probably going to make two parties unhappy — Mr. Sprewell and Golden State. In fact, we have reason to believe Sprewell was looking forward to free agency."

If losing $6.4 million is not enough for Sprewell, he has certainly lost in the court of public opinion. In an ESPN Sportszone poll, 76.4% of 14,717 voters felt the penalty was not harsh enough, compared to the 19.6% who felt the penalty fit the crime and 3.8% who felt the penalty was too much.

What I can't understand is how this case ever got to an arbitrator. Latrell Sprewell hit another man because he was tired of the verbal abuse he and his teammates had repeatedly received from the outspoken coach. Sprewell is lucky this case never reached the insides of a real courtroom. He would have been found guilty of assault and possible jail time.

The revocation of his contract and suspension from the NBA were nothing more than a slap on the wrist for this unthinkable act. Sprewell, defended by the players union had requested that his suspension be reduced to time already served, 44 games and he be declared a free agent. The result was a compromise.

It is amazing that Feerick found evidence supporting the NBA's violence claim but thought the punishment did not fit the crime. Just because all the other NBA suspensions for physical altercations in the last two seasons do not total Sprewell's loss of 68 games and $6.4 million does not mean the suspension was unfair. Even the NBA's bad boy, **Dennis Rodman** who has kicked a cameraman and head butted an official has never committed a premeditated act of physical violence.

This case is not about fair. It is about professional athletes being role models for millions of people young and old. One of my favorite commercials, is the Gatorade commercial featuring Michael Jordan and the song "I wanna be like Mike." Could you image singing, "I wanna be like Latrell?" I can't.

"The evidence indicates that there is no history of both the league and a team imposing discipline for the same violent conduct, on or off the court," Feerick wrote in his decision. "This speaks to the issue of fairness, as I see it."

I am sorry Dean Feerick, this case is not about fairness, its about sportsmanship, players getting what they want and standards of conduct. This case has once again proven the player can get what they want. What's $6.4 million to Sprewell, he still has another $17.3 million coming. What's even worse is the thought that another NBA team will be willing to trade good upstanding players for Sprewell.

What has professional sports come to?

The Spectator Athlete of the Week

By LD Platt '01

Sports Writer

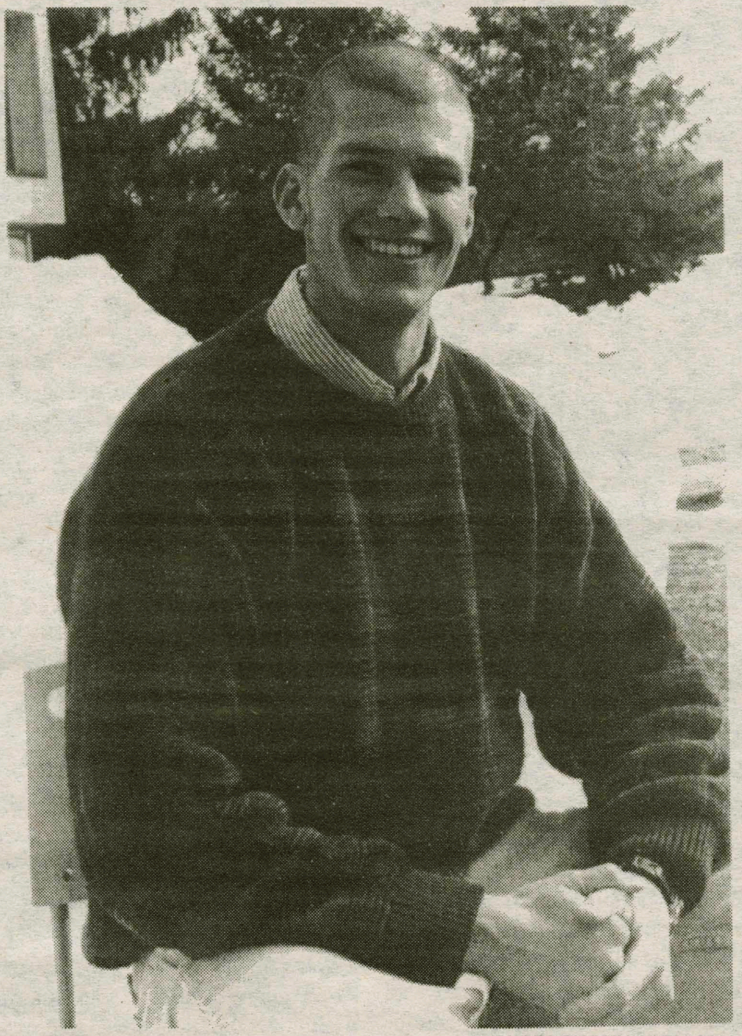
Sixteen hundred and fifty and sixty-six. Those numbers represent the number of meters and laps that DJ Postles swam last week at the state swimming meet. It also represents the 1-mile event in swimming, the event that DJ Postles now holds the record in.

DJ Postles, a sophomore, from Williamsville, NY is an All-American swimmer here at Hamilton College and his hard work has paid off with broken records in five different events throughout the season. It all culminated at states where he broke three school relay records in the 200 free relay, 400 free, and the 800 free.

In addition to these he broke the record in the 1650 meter event about which he commented, it is definitely my greatest accomplishment so far, but I have a lot of other goals for myself." The previous record holder was John Greene, whose time of 16.12.69 could not stand up to DJ's time of 16.11.03.

This wasn't the only record that DJ stole from John Greene either; DJ also broke the 1000 freestyle in the middle of the year with a time of 9.45.09, almost two full seconds better than Greene's.

DJ is a government major and when asked how swimming has affected his studies and his personal life, he responded, "It has really helped me to prioritize my time and motivates me to do my work. Instead of just lounging around I come back after practice and do my work before I engage in anything else. So I guess it helps me organize not only my work, but also my life."



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DJ "Dominator" Postles will represent Hamilton College at the national tournament, and is currently ranked sixth and seventh in two swimming events.

Despite all of his accomplishments, DJ still feels that he has not reached his full potential or as he says, "At least I hope I haven't. I mean there are so many more goals and achievements that I want to reach that I would be disappointed if this was my full potential."

In winning states, DJ was awarded the opportunity to go to Nationals in St. Louis on March 19. This will be the second year DJ has gone to Nationals. Last year he placed 9th, one spot away from being an All-American, so this year he hopes to improve on that and get into one of the elusive top eight spots.

> **DJ also broke the 1000 freestyle in the middle of the year with a time of 9.45.09 almost two full seconds better than Greene's.**

DJ also was part of the Hamilton College swim team that finished 6-1 which was far better than anybody expected. DJ was a key swimmer in this record with his consistency to draw the first place finish nearly every time he swam.

DJ said in response to this, "This team did a lot better than anybody expected us to do. We were really motivated. I think our biggest win all season was beating Amherst for the first time ever." DJ is also looking forward to next year where he hopes that the team will be able to improve on this year's impressive record.

Postles Favorites:

professor:	**Ted Eismeier**
athlete:	**Mach Man Randy Savage**
food:	**Vegamite and cheese sandwiches**
author:	**Dr. Seuss**
music band:	**Rolling Stones**

"Next year I hope two things can happen. The first is that we all will maintain our focus. The second is we will be able to fill the void left by some of our seniors and people that will not be part of the team next year," DJ added to his hopes for next year.

Currently, Postles is ranked sixth in the mile which consists of 1650 meters of freestyle swimming. He is also ranked seventh in the 500 freestyle. Both of these rankings are very good for the aspiring champion, and, "much better rankings that I thought I (Postles) would get." Sixth and seventh in such a large scale meet is extremely impressive and has raised the eyebrows of the swimming community. However, the ever humble Postles continues to hope that he will not let down those who are counting on him.

Let's all hope that DJ can continue his string of great races and hard work so he can place at nationals. DJ has already proven to be a winner here at Hamilton and in the state of New York, so let's wish him luck.

However, everybody knows that DJ will not need luck because his skills will be able to carry him through nationals.

Women's hoops finish 3-21

By Frank Vinci '01

Sports Writer

It is unfortunate to see such a hard working team end up like the Hamilton Continental Women's basketball team did. Hamilton ended the season with a loss to high powered Williams College 76-47.

Hamilton's hustle kept the game close early, but the turnovers hurt them again. Williams scored 23 points of 27 Continental turnovers. Second chances helped Williams score a needed 14 points that helped cap off the victory. Hamilton had some shooting problems only connecting on 32% of their shots, compared to Williams 47%.

> **Hamilton finishes off the season a disappointing 3-21, but the record does not reflect the amount of hustle and hard work put into the season.**

Ashley Merriman '98 closed out a fantastic career recording her sixth straight double-double scoring 14 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Jen Moran '99 poured in 11 points and was named a UCAA honorable mention selection for the All Conference team. Kelly McKeown '00 chipped in 10 pts in the losing effort. Hamilton finishes off the season a disappointing 3-21, but the record does not reflect the amount of hustle and hard work that was put into the season.

The loss not only ended the season, but ended the careers of seniors Kim Herrig, Amy Estes, and Merriman. All three had outstanding careers here on the Hill and will definitely be missed. Their leadership helped keep the Lady Continentals together this year despite the tough season.

Coach Diehl cannot hang her head for long as she knows that the young and often injured Continentals have a lot to look forward to next year. Next years' squad will return four freshman, all of which contributed this year, four sophomores, and three juniors.

The return of captain Jen Moran will be a large boost for the team next year. Her leadership this year as a junior was an added bonus to have both on and off the court, and will definitely help out the Lady Continentals next season.

Squash ends season in two Ivy league bouts

By LD Platt '01

Sports Writer

The men's and women's squash teams here at Hamilton are hibernating for the spring but will return to us next year. Both teams came into the year not knowing what to expect for two reasons.

The first and most apparent reason was the emergence of a new coach, Bill Austin, and the second reason was the inexperience of the team. The men played in the National Tournament two weekends ago at Princeton University where they finished 1-2 and the women played in the Howe Cup three weekends ago at Yale University where they finished 0-4. Neither of these records reflected the dedication and hard work that both teams put into the season.

The men finished the season ranked 28th out of 37 teams, a spot that was a realistic goal for the team even though they were hoping for something higher. The men played and lost to Northwestern in the first round 7-2, then they lost to Connecticut College in the second round.

Both of these losses were tough to swallow and the entire weekend would have been tough to swallow had it not been for the men's gutsy performance against Penn State University.

"That was a good win for us because we had lost to them a couple of weeks ago, but beating them left us with a good taste in our mouth for next season," stated Coach Austin. The men finished the season strongly and with all the experience they gained this year, next year should be much more successful statistically.

The women were in a very similar predicament to the men. The women were ranked at the bottom of the C division in the Howe Cup, which was a good thing and a bad thing. The reason it was good is because it showed that people believed the Lady Continentals could play with the teams in the C division.

However, the bad news was that they were playing against teams that had beaten them earlier in the year. The women lost to Wesleyan, Connecticut College, Middlebury, and Tufts. The brightest for the women all weekend was their heart felt loss to Tufts.

Two weeks prior they had lost to Tufts 9-0, but in the Howe Cup it was a different story. The ladies only lost 5-4 a dramatic improvement from their previous match and it left the women with a bitter taste, but also something to work towards next year.

This year in a way could have been classified as a rebuilding year for both of the squash teams. However, neither the coach nor the players would leave anybody to believe

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SEMESTER ABROAD IN COSTA RICA

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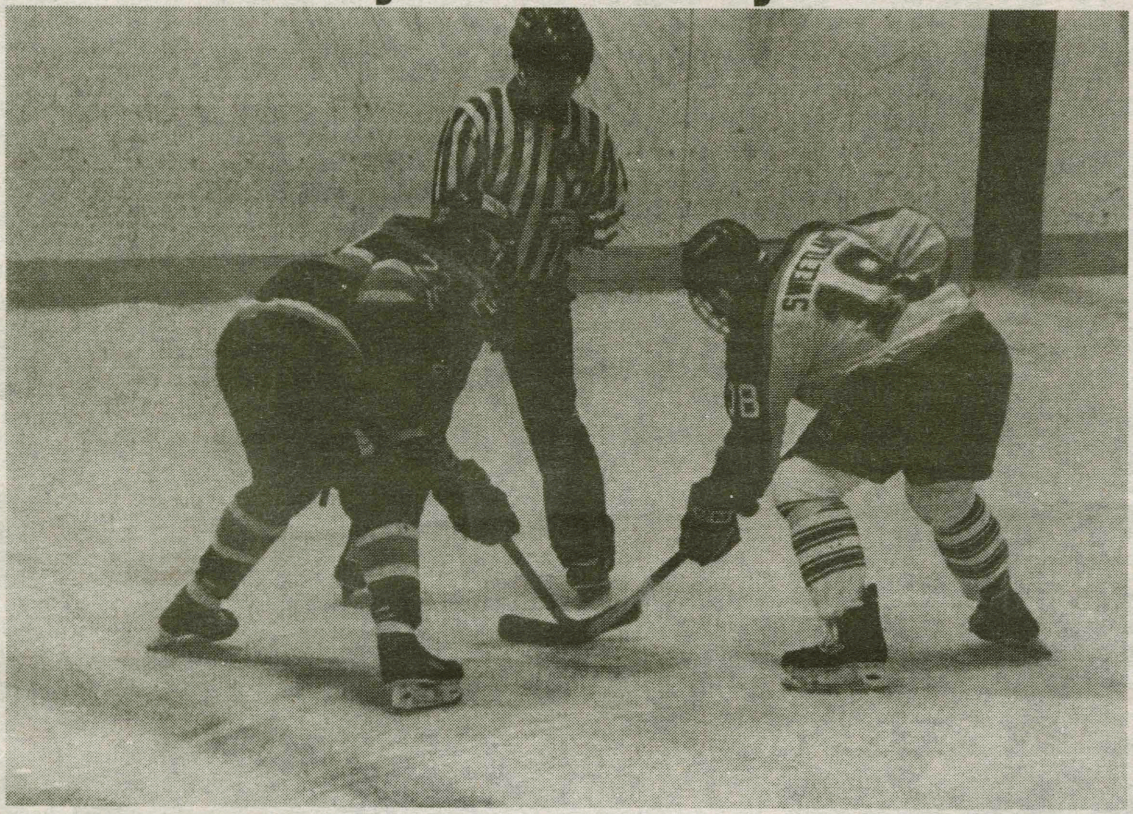
Spectator SPORTS

Men's hockey crush Colby in overtime



Zac Sweetland '99 faces off with an overmatched Colby center.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

By Dave Bolger '99
Sports Writer

Revenge is sweet. And nothing was sweeter than the 3-2 come-from-behind victory the Continentals pulled off over Colby last Saturday night in the quarter-finals of the ECAC tournament. What made the win sweet was, in winning, Hamilton avenged the 10-1 loss to Colby just a year ago in the very same tournament. Add to that the fact that Colby was the defending ECAC Champions and the win becomes so sweet one might get a toothache.

John Manley '00 opened the scoring for the Continentals early in the first period off a feed from David Webb '98. The White Mules then tied the game in the second period, and took the lead early in the third off goals from Fred Perowne and Scott Richardson. Trailing 2-1 for much of the third period, Hamilton couldn't convert on several big opportunities. The Conts failed to score on a 5-3 power-play and Sean Smith '01 was stopped by goaltender Jason Cherella from close in. As the missed chances piled up and the minutes ticked off the clock, it looked as if Colby would once again kill Hamilton's quest for a championship. Then Brian Coakley

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Women's hockey end season on sour note

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
Sports Writer

The Women's Varsity Hockey team finished off their season this weekend, with a loss and a tie over Middlebury and University of Vermont. Their final record is 8-12-2 overall, and 4-10-2 in the ECAC Alliance. A record that will not be good enough to carry the team into postseason play.

This past Saturday, the team matched up with Middlebury, looking forward to a tough yet strong game against the number one ranked team in the division. Middlebury came out very strong in the first period, scoring four goals. Hamilton was able to rebound from this, however, keeping Middlebury to one goal in the second period and two goals in the third.

Coach Sue Tullock commented, "We played a really good second and third periods. The score does not reflect how well the team played, and the amount of effort they put into the game. They stayed right with Middlebury, and were able to play effective defense on them."

> **When we began this season not having any seniors, and having eleven first-years, I knew that we would have trouble with role-models and experience.**
> **- Coach Sue Tullock**

The first period was tough, with the major downfall being the defensive coverage in front of the net. However, in the second and third periods, Hamilton was able to play better in front of the net, and was able to keep with Middlebury's offensive line, despite Middlebury's speed.

The team did lack in shots on net, playing a mostly defensive game. First-year goaltender Victoria Hayes played a solid game in the net, playing well in many two-on-one situations. Middlebury won the game, 7-0.

Coming off that tough game, on Sunday the Continentals rematched with UVM, who they lost previously to earlier in the season. Remaining scoreless for al-

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Continentals clobber Geneseo 102-68

By Peter Ringel '01
Associate Sports Editor

Tremendous. Exhilirating. Captivating. These are the adjectives that come to mind when describing the Continentals' impressive 1st round NCAA Tournament victory on Thursday night. The 102-68 rout of Geneseo was the Continentals' most dominant performance of the season. With the win the team advances to play the number two seed in the East Region, St. John Fisher, on Saturday.

The Continentals came out on fire, as forward Micheal Schantz '99 scored the first five points of the game and Hamilton never looked back. The game was never close as SUNY Geneseo looked thoroughly overmatched throughout the entire contest.

Schantz showed the capacity crowd why he deserves to be recognized as an All-American. He scored 32 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. In a superb effort, he shot 11-19 from the floor and 10-11 from the free-throw line. Schantz gave it his all as he stepped up in a huge game.

"Mike is living up to his All-American status," said center Jon Schmiegel '99. "You know what they say, come playoff time the cream rises to the top, and Schantz came to the top by stepping up big time."

For the second straight game, guard Kevin Thorpe '98 was incredible. Much like he did in the win over Williams last week, Thorpe continued to be more agressive as he drove to the basket, while also shooting from the outside. He finished with 20 points, pulled down five rebounds, had four steals, and dished out three assists.

"Kevin takes it to the basket in practice all the time, and he's really good when he does it," said head basketball coach Tom Murphy, who was caught smiling on a couple of occasions during the team's one-sided defeat of Geneseo. "He has been much more offensive minded in the last few games. I think he realized he needed to step up and he really has been a spark for us."

The best part of Thorpe's game was the confidence he displayed every time he touched the basketball. He realized that he might have been playing the final game of his career and shot 7-13 from the floor and a mind-boggling 5-8 from three-point range.

"I know that every game could be my last game so I want to go down swinging," said the 6'0 Thorpe, who hails from Sherrill, NY. "I try to play to the best of my ability and just hope for the best."

Schmiegel added another double-double. He lit up the Blue Knights for 16 points and also picked up 14 rebounds.

The backcourt played exceptionally well, as the trio of Jimmy Driggs '01, Lamar Johnson '99, and Max Stroman '99 combined for 19 points and 17 assists. More importantly, the three guards combined for only three turnovers, as the Continentals forced 11 Blue Knight turnovers.

Johnson captivated the crowd with some dazzling moves, while Driggs' offensive prowess was evi-

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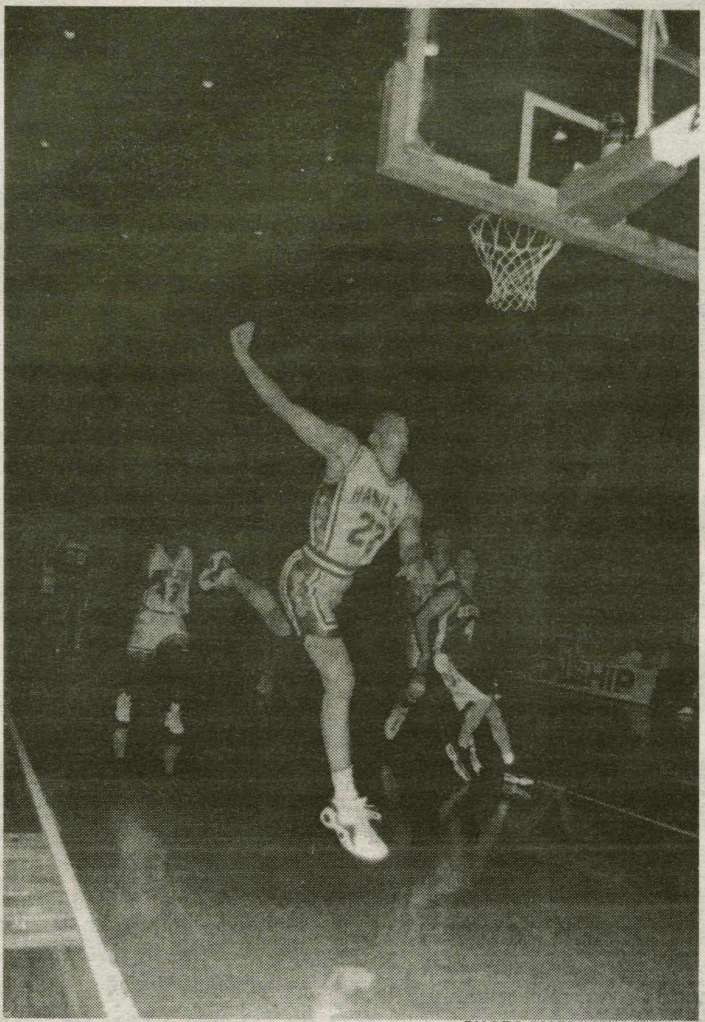

Kevin Thorpe '98 shows off his ballerina skills as he lays one in on a breakaway.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Scorecard

Men's Hoops	15-9
Women's Hoops	3-21
Men's Hockey	14-8-3
Women's Hockey	8-12-2
Men's Squash	8-7
Women's Squash	7-10
Men's Track & Field	9-0
Women's Track & Field	5-12
Men's Swimming	6-1
Women's Swimming	3-4